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CROWNINSHIELD'S WHARF, SALEM, DURING THE EMBARGO OF 1808.

From the painting by George Ropes, now in the possession of the Essex Institute. Lying near the end of the wharf is the ship *Fame* and at the end of the wharf is the ship *America*, afterwards the famous privateer.

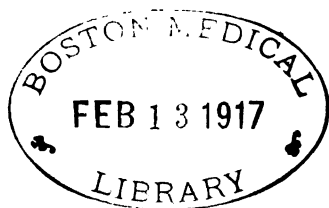
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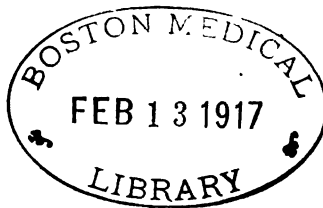


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January 1, 1803. The year entered agreeably. We had been preserved from fires. Business had kept up as great activity as in any part of the Union. We had had no alarms from the destructive fever which has prevailed in our great Cities. No Insolvencies to involve the affairs of Individuals. Upon the whole, good causes for public & private congratulations. I dined with a few friends, in honour of the day. The Gazette & Register gave their annual compliments in the ditties as usual, but each avoiding personalities, had little to say.

2. Sunday. Notes. Mary Knapp, d. of her son Samuel living at Baltimore, but who died at Savannah, he has been from Salem 20 years. He has left a wife & 4 children at Baltimore. She has a Son at Sea. This year arrested my attention as it is the twentieth of my ministry & that number of years is the mean of the length of life enjoyed in the ministry in this Town. Consequently the discourses were occasional. Mr. Worcester has had a call at the Tabernacle church, but his answer or intentions are not yet known. It is suggested that he will be invited again to Fitchburg from which town he was dismissed, & that he would be acceptable in the new society of Beverly & also at Rowley Old Parish. The Death of Dr. Thacher of Boston has engaged attention. He had excellent pulpit talents, & settled very early in the ministry at Malden in 1770. After the death of Dr. Cooper he was invited to the Brattle street Church in Boston in 1785. He had the most wealthy society in Massachusetts. He was tall, slender, but not lean, with easy manners, gravity & solemnity in his manner. He was very popular. Whitefield was at his ordination just before he died & said some things which were flattering to Thacher among his own party. Thacher married a woman much older than himself & without any special claims on his affections. A Widow, without wealth, or accomplishments, & incumbered with Children. He was extremely miserable in his domestic affairs. As a Gentleman he was welcome every where, & as an Orator often called for in the first occasions. He preached the Convention Sermon in the year in which he died. But not a Scholar nor

capable of pure composition as his occasional publications prove. We love to hear him & to see him & enjoy him. Led into much company he had some appearance of dissipation, & was reproved for it by his best friends, who did not spare him. His health evidently began to fail him. His friends consented that he should journey, & on this journey he died. The dates of his Life are: He died 6 Dec. at Savannah, 1802, was born in Boston, 1752.

7. A curious controversy has arisen about the Assembly in this Town. It was the determination to exclude the friends of Mr. Crowninshield from the usual pleasures of the winter season. To the men this was no evil, but it was not acceptable to the ladies. The excluded gentlemen wrote & wrote again to require the reasons, & at length obtained only a vote that there should be no notice taken of their letters. The newspapers are drumming upon this matter. When party men have no talents, they easily discover they have strong passions.

8. It is talked of to open an administration Newspaper at Newbury Port. Much is expected from the success of it, but the numbers of subscribers at first must be small. An attempt to play upon this subject has produced so much agitation, as to make some persons hot for it. The Register of Salem has about twenty subscribers in Newbury Port.

9. Sunday. Notes. Abraham Daniels & his Sisters, d. of their Mother, pr. for Br. at Sea. Edward Lee & wife, d. of her Sister Daniels.

11. News of the death of Diana Adams, daughter of my G. Father Paine, aet. 58. She married Thomas Adams of Boston who has been dead for many years. A dissention began in our family upon the death of my G. Father upon the interference of Capt. T. Adams respecting the Will. My mother is the only child of my G. Father who is now living out of seven, three sons & four daughters, which have died within my memory.

12. The affairs of Portsmouth arrest the public attention. We are not without hopes of a generous subscription in this Town.* My friend Gibaut & Capt. G. G. Smith have amiably settled their affairs. They came together to my house & Smith offered his services during his Voyage. A school has actually opened in this town for 25 scholars, the master is to receive 1100 D. It is kept in Joshua Ward's brick store where the Lodge met.

14. A Singular affair has taken place in our neighbourhood. A Mr. Retire Becket, descended from the family which has from the beginning been employed in ship building, has declared himself a bankrupt. The man is much involved, & it is feared that his present situation will lead him to forfeit the character of an honest dealer, which he has so long possessed. Early in life he discovered

* In aid of the sufferers by the great fire.

a singularity of character, & was betrayed into some unchaste connections. This gave him an odd turn, & he forsook society & public worship. These habits he has retained, but he has been distinguished by great industry, great practical skill in ship building & great fidelity. But without a careful statement of his accounts he has suffered himself to become involved & ruined. His debts are numerous, & they tend to hurt many honest men. To his forest men, to his Carpenters, to his Employers, to his mechanics he is every where indebted. This is the first instance of breaking as it is called, in our part of the Town, since I have been in Salem. Mr. B. has been married for several years, & has a child living.

15. Our Printer is threatened with another prosecution by a Merchant of Salem, for inserting a paragraph respecting his conduct with a master of a Vessel, implying an ungenerous treatment which he has received. Thus party has its vengeance.

16. Sunday. Notes. Samuel Archer & wife, d. of their youngest child, pr. for friends at Sea. Thomas Magoun & wife, d. of their only child. Nicholas Lane & wife, d. of their grand child Magoun. Mary Smith for herself dangerously sick. George Underwood & wife, her delivery. Joshua Webb & wife, her delivery, pr. for brethren at Sea. Affairs in lower Danvers* have come to a crisis. We hear that a Convention of Clergy have been on the spot & that the separation of Mr. Mead will certainly be the final result.

17. A Stone Mortar† holding a quart found in Great Pasture digging for Turnpike. It has much of the European form. A Pestle was found in Federal Street.

18. We had a slight shock of an Earthquake about 9 minutes before ten in the morning. It was generally perceived, tho' busy with some friends I took no notice of it whatever. The family felt it. The people in general ran to their windows to see what heavy carriage was passing, & thence to their chimnies to see whether they were on fire. I had walked abroad that morning the Therm. being within doors at 15 plus & probably not much above zero abroad. The air was serene. A few white clouds lay in the northern horizon & the vanes stood at N.W. The air began to change about nine, the clouds were dark, & passed but without any high wind, as tho' they were spreading. Might not what we felt have been occasioned by the sudden cold? Many fires in Boston. The Museum of Mr. Bowen was burnt. This was a collection without judgment in which some valuable things were huddled in with trifles. There were many Toy Clocks, a small organ, many wax figures & much Petit Maitre business. This fire hap-

* Now the town of Peabody.

† Now in the Peabody Museum, Salem.

pened on last Saturday night. There have been two fires since & alarms have lately been very frequent. Mr. Le Fevre & Capt. Martin were with me from Marblehead to induce enquiries into Peters' estate now Devereux's at the entrance of Marblehead neck. They left me the date of the deed which the daughter of Hugh Peters gave to the first proprietor of the name of Devereux. The conveyance of Elizabeth Barker, daughter of Hugh Peters was made in 1704-5, to Devereux. I am to enquire into the extent of the grant of that Land. A Mr. John Lee addressed me in peculiar circumstances. He came from London to Jamaica in 1800. From thence last spring he came on account of his health to his friends near Boston. His reception has been such as obliges him to retire much wounded in his feeling. He was a Clerk to Atkinson Lee of Jamaica & Brother to late Th. Lee of Cambridge & to the wife of Coffin Jones. He had letters from Boot & Prat & from Dr. Marshall Spring of Watertown.

19. John Lee Esqr. dined with me. I made no close enquiries but made all the intercession with Mr. Gray for a passage, that was in my power. It is published that a Marblehead Engine did set out for Boston to assist at the fire of last Saturday night & reached Lynn. We all remember how they served us in the great fire of 1774. Lee has not succeeded as he wished & has left me abruptly.

21. The high party which met under Higginson at Boston at the feast of shells gave the following toast & music: Our Sister Virginia—when she changes three fifths of her Ethiopian skin we will respect her as the head of our White family. Tune, Go to the Devil & shake yourself. There are some just remarks on the licentiousness of this conduct in the Aegis. This high Essex Junto party, Anti Adams seceders, are not of the same party with the common federalists, or moderates as they are called. They may be called Pickering's* friends as they urged him to his insolence for which he was dismissed from office. Not a friend to Mr. P is a stranger to the obstinacy of his temper, his assuming manners, & his affected contempt of his Opposers. The proofs of his talents we leave posterity to draw from his actions. By pressing close, he squeezed up into office, & when the crowd left him to himself he fell into contempt.

23. Sunday. The Baptists are a growing sect, because their rite is so definite as to make a more easy distinction in the public mind, than any doctrines can, and this distinction gains a ready exemption from parish taxes. The Baptists grow not rapidly in great Towns, where such exceptions are unnecessary. In Boston they are few, if we regard only those immersed in Baptism. In Charlestown they are the same sect which was first founded there.

* Col. Timothy Pickering.



"THE HOUSE OF THE SEVEN GABLES," SALEM, MASS.

Showing the house after its restoration in 1910.

But in Salem there are none, very few in Newbury Port, no societies of them in Salem, Newbury Port, Cape Ann, Ipswich, Lynn, Marblehead, Plymouth, or New Bedford, or in York. Nor in our most flourishing inland Towns generally as Worcester, E. Springfield, Northhampton, Hatfield, Deerfield, Hadley, Billerica, Cambridge, Concord, Malborough, Medford, Watertown, Lancaster, &c. These facts compared with the local prejudices which obtain will explain the rise & progress of this sect to have been principally when the question of Taxes has been considered with prejudices, or with opposition. The Baptists have lately applied at Portsmouth, that soul of sects, for admission into the Court House, & the hon. Judges have given permission. Sects grow there, but the season is not long enough for these Athenians.

24. An attempt to put fire to the house of Capt. Nichols, Washington S. was made on Saturday evening, but it was soon discovered.

25. The spirit of the Times. An appointment had taken place in the Regiment of this Town under Col. E. H. Derby, by which a subaltern had been superceded by a person not in the Corps & the apparent reason was political opinion. The young gentleman was of the antient family of the Harthorne's & well educated. This roused the latent fire of the Militia & this evening there was to be another appointment for which the Col. had designated a son of William Gray, an eminent merchant. A meeting was immediately called, upon this report, by private tickets, which improperly had secrecy written upon them. In this meeting of the military company, it was agreed to support a worthy citizen, George Archer as Ensign. Col. Derby discovered the design, & expressed himself publicly in a very angry manner & even applied to the owner of the hall in which they met to reprimand him for allowing of such licentious proceedings within his territories. At the proper time of meeting he wrote an angry letter, addressed to Capt. E. Lang to be communicated. The Company proceeded & G. Archer was chosen by 37 votes against 9. So much for this matter.

26. The Selectmen have been down & surveyed that part of Turner's Street which lays between Derby street & the Harbour & have proposed to widen it in all places where it is practicable, forty feet. There is much conversation on the subject of rebuilding a Wharf here & of continuing it as far as the Channel. The success of the family of Crowninshield has led to this enterprise. Here were the old ferry ways of Marblehead ferry & they now lay visible on the flats. Here was formerly the Wharf of the Turners, built at a very early period of our history, & suffered to decay upon the death of Col. Turner about 60 years ago. The water lots are now in possession, upon Turner street, of John Collins on the east side & Samuel Ingersoll upon the west side. Samuel Ingersoll

lives in the Mansion house.* The present holder on Hardy street towards the water is Joshua Phippen, & below Turner street there are several proprietors. On the Turner estate sixty years ago there was only his mansion & now there are twenty dwelling houses besides work shops & out buildings.

28. The Gazette of the Town has given the Register no quarter, & from the spirit of it, is determined upon hostilities. It will dare some personalities as it threatens, then clear the Decks for a hot action. We might think it enough to put fire to our house in the night but vice is more daring. It has arrested Charity to rob her. The good people of Newbury Port collected 1500 Dollars which they entrusted to the Portsmouth stage driver. He agreed to divide the money with his companion & just as they were going off they were discovered. Alas for human nature.

29. A Petition has gone in for a Turnpike from Newbury to Salem through Beverly & over Essex Bridge, which will save several miles. It is expected that the great road of Danvers will be brought through Northfields into Salem from the top of the hill above the meeting house on the north side of the River. A road is also contemplated which is to join Point of rocks Lots to the eastern part of the Town. A new house fire proof is contemplated for Essex Bank, & some conversation upon a new Bank in Salem, The Salem Insurance Company are to be incorporated, probably with Banking privileges.

30. Sunday. Notes. Sarah Millet & children, d. of her son Hardy at Sea, and prayers for two sons & two sons in Law at Sea. Hardy Millet was lost at sea last spring. Mansfield Burrill & wife, pr. for youngest daughter very sick, pr. for a son at sea. George Ellison & wife for him sick. Mr. Worcester's Dismission sermon at Fitchburg printed in this Town. He is invited to settle at Salem. He has printed also an account of the divisions at Fitchburg. He has several invitations to settle. Malden new Brick Meeting was dedicated on 19 January. Mr. Green's Sermon on the occasion is to be printed. A bell was given by the noted Timothy Dexter of Newbury Port, & a Clock by Mr. Harris, of Charlestown.

February 1, 1803. February enters before we have seen anything of the severity of Winter. Our wharves are uni[n]cumbered with ice, & the little snow has afforded only the short amusement of a few hours. This evening before the Lodge was the subject of the answer of the G. Lodge to the remonstrance of our Essex Lodge. A Plea more weak could not have been instituted. Our antiquities all vouch that a G. Lodge is an accommodation, not an essential part of the Institution. Else why were we without a Superiour of the whole order till this day? I had to debate the point upon three articles the example of the Provincial G. Masters

*The House of the Seven Gables, so called.

of England as a precedent for our intended District Masters. I shewed they were instituted in 1726 for very different ends under a G. M. of England, but we have no such G. M. of U. S. of America. The next article was upon the privilege of our Charter & By-Laws which no acts of the G. Lodge ought to violate. We are bound only in things which were not included in these privileges. The last article was upon the declaration that the G. L. Communication was not intended for severe scrutiny when it involved a consent to renounce every privilege of our order. The Brethren were not divided in opinion on the occasion.

2. A day with all the showers of Spring, & the glass from 40 to 50 degrees. The Gazette has a most virulent attack but the little Doctor has not managed his plant, so as to answer for publishing it so hastily. Mr. Delano & Mr. Magoun propose Ship building in the eastern part of the Town. Mr. Webb is clearing the Palfrey Lot on Derby street, between Hardy & Daniels' Street of all those rookeries which have for a long time disgraced it. This is a benefit to that part of the Town. Capt. Allen has paid rent & has taken a lease of the Diman lot on the west side of Hardy street only to avoid the evil of such buildings near his mansion house.

4. I went to Lynn to attend the funeral of Revd. Joseph Roby, æt. 79. He was born in Boston in 1724, Blackhorse lane. His father was Deacon in the Bennet Street Meeting House which was erected for Dr. S. Mather, 1742. He graduated at Cambridge 1742 & was ordained at Lynn 1752. He was of small stature, feeble voice, but of a mild & peaceable disposition. He was attentive to literature, & fond of its encouragement. He never joined any association, but frequently attended the Lectures among the neighbouring churches. Without enemies, he was useful till the close of life & he died esteemed a venerable & good man. Dr. Osgood preached at his interment, & the pall was supported by Dr. Osgood, Mr. Motey, Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Sanborne, Mr. Stevens, & Mr. Greene. Several other ministers were present, but it was extremely cold.

6. Sunday. At the funeral of Mr. Roby, Dr. Osgood in his sermon mentioned that when he settled at Medford he was often at the monthly lectures of the neighbouring churches & that a great intimacy & affection existed between himself & the following persons, Dr. Payson of Chelsea, Willis & Thacher of Malden, Roby of Lynn & Prentice of Reading. That thirty years had blessed that friendship, but that within these two years, four of these ministers had died, & Prentice was upon his dying pillow & he, Osgood, left behind. The son of Mr. Roby settled at Chatham, Barnstable County, after he graduated at Cambridge in 1779. He then removed into Maine & is now settled at Otisfield, but Thomas has been no comfort to his friends. The other sons are settled at Boston as Tradesmen. Mr. Manning assures, who came from Otisfield last week,

that Roby might have rendered himself very happy. At Raymond-town in the neighbourhood, they are perparing to build a meeting house but the Lumbering Trade has greatly debased the manners of Maine.

7. Before sunrise the glass was above 50, and remaining above 50 all day & night. At noon the glass in the house was above sixty degrees, & families were at work with doors & windows open.

8. This morning the glass above 50 but the fog thick & wet. Objects obscured at the smallest distance. The curious encounter last Friday had a favourable issue this day. Major Watkins & Deacon Saunderson undertook to superintend the building of the tombs upon the South Hill. They did not forget to charge for their services. The proprietors deputed Col. Page to make enquiry into the charges Major W. drew upon him & beat him with his hanger. The Col. took such satisfaction as he chose for his bruises & on Monday got a warrant to apprehend the Major. The major has come out & done penance to the public satisfaction by asking pardon & imploring forgiveness. The reduction of the account will probably be more terrible to him. A Town Meeting has been called upon the subject the Turnpike from Newbury Port over the country in a strait line to Boston. The weather was open & pleasant all day. It began to grow cooler towards night. Business is done as freely abroad as in any season of the year.

9. After 4 attempts to support T. Pickering as a Senator of the U. S. the Junto gave out & J. Q. Adams had the Votes. The Senate has concurred. It is said Foster has resigned & another trial may be made.

10. Dunham's List of the Lodges in New England has appeared. The Register would be more valuable without the Songs which by an attempt to correct them, have lost their fire. From the Register still incomplete the interests of the Lodges are much more extensive than has ever been imagined.

11. This day was the time of the funeral of Revd. Caleb Prentice. The road is much better & the distance less by taking a new road just opened that goes by the Baptist meeting house, so that it is not 10 miles from Salem. The Parish made every decent preparation, & a considerable collection of people was at the solemnities. Two bass viols & 3 Haut boys were used in the Music which wanted expression more than harmony. This Parish is much more respectable than it was at my first knowing it. The Clergy who walked in the procession were put after the mourners rather than before the Corpse, & this was persisted in as an antient custom. How much short were the public services of those at the funeral of father Roby, & where there were ten times as many persons to be instructed! The Corpse was in the Coffin exposed to the view of the people in the front yard of the Dwelling House in the antient fashion, which still prevails in many of our inland towns, & where

there is an innocent curiosity on special occasions, it is best for the family to avoid confusion in the house. I returned the same evening from Reading.

12. I find by the 8th volume of the [Mass.] Hist. Society's papers they have published my answer to Parish's remarks on my history of Salem. The abstract from the Salem Register they have published of their own accord & I trust with friendly views as my friends Eliot & Freeman are on the Committee. They both expressed warmly their resentment of the unfriendly expression of these remarks, which were designed to wound the feelings, to gratify the mean spirit of Morse, & to flatter the pride of little Parish. The answer in the Salem Register of June 25, 1801. By comparing of which with the remarks in the Hist. Collection the changes may be seen. They omit the first paragraph in which I blame the Committee of the Historical Society for their publication of personalities or allusion to them. They omit also the censure upon Morton & the comparison between Williams & R. Robinson. Perhaps this last would not do, in the present state of the Ana-Baptist Controversy.

13. Sunday. Notes. Mary Smith, dang. sick, pr. Brother at Sea. On Friday last was interred Revd Caleb Prentice the 7th minister of the old Town of Reading, which was incorporated in 1644. He lived a longer time than any of his Predecessors in the ministry of this place. He was born of pious parents in Cambridge in 1746. He was educated in the University in that place & graduated in 1765. He was the Librarian of the College & settled in the Ministry at Reading in 1769. He was a man of an hospitable temper, & candid, but his talents were not such as gave him all the respect he deserved in the pulpit, especially as a Successor to the famous Hobby who was a great enthusiast & defender of Whitefield for whom was provided in answer to the defence, the sprig of birch for Billy's Breech. The expressions of his zeal are hardly credible. One which Mr. Harnden a sober man of Malden gave me was at a Baptism. Lord we bring to thee in the arms of our faith & prayer, this poor, nasty, damned, stinking child of hell. They only who were acquainted with his extravagant expressions, would give any credit to such reports. The mild temper of Mr. Prentice little qualified him for such a situation but while he had the strong mind of Mr. Haven in the Wood end parish to support a more candid manner, & the plain manners of Mr. Stone in the North Parish he was able to proceed tolerably well. Mr. Searle of Stoneham while he tarried, the calvanistic, was a Scholar, & his delivery did not give popularity to his preaching. Sherman the most popular in Calvinism in the pulpit had not much popularity out, from his views of interest & left his charge long before Searle. Father Morrill of Wilmington was not the best informed, but he had a firm mind & good heart. With such

neighbours he did well enough. But when Woburn was divided & filled with Baptists. When Reynolds succeeded Father Morrill with all the bitterness of party zeal. When Stoneham fell to Cleveland, & what was worse than all when Sanbourne came to Wood end, he & the good Mr. Mottey found it hard work to keep quiet in Reading & Lynnfield. Last year a Baptist meeting House was erected near Mr. Prentice, but his health had been long impaired & he did not long survive this finishing stroke to his peace. He married a daughter of Mr. Mellen formerly of Choxsett, now Sterling & at present the minister of Hanover. She was a woman of good powers but by no means adapted to Mr. Prentice or to Reading. Two sons of Mr. Prentice are printers. One at Baltimore & the other at Keene. The Conduct of Charles, now at Baltimore had many circumstances to distress a good parent. Mr. Prentice has left little property & assisted his own support by boarders & young Scholars. At the funeral the pall was supported by Dr. Cummings of Bilerica, Mr. French of Andover, Mr. Marrett of Burlington, Mr. Stone of Reading, Mr. Adams of Middleton & Mr. Stearns of Bedford. Mr. Nelson the Baptist minister was in the procession. Dr. Cummings made the first prayer, but not with his usual excellence. Mr. Stone endeavoured to do honour to the amiable, open & candid temper of the deceased from the comparison with Nathaniel, & Mr. Marrett in his own manner performed the last devotional exercises. Thus have five departed life, in this neighbourhood within two years.

14. The House* which has long been occupied by Wells Gardner,† lately deceased, on the south side of Old Paved Street, & which was long supposed to be the property of the Marine Society, is now occupied by a Mr. Crombie as a Tavern, by the sign of the Ship. The advertisement of this day discovers that great promises are made respecting this good situation. Since Mr. Webb above 10 years ago left the old Ship Tavern near the Court House, the Old Sun at the corner of Mr. Gray's lot facing Market Street was the first Tavern & it always had a degree of preference under Mr. Goodhue & Robinson in succession. Mr. Webb son of the landlord has kept up its reputation since it has been removed to the Brown's House several doors below. Never was a town less incommoded by the increase of Taverns, than Salem. Mr. Crombie is said to have engaged 6,000 dollars for his new stand, & Mr. Webb pays the interest of 3,000 D to Mr. Gray for his situation. Went this evening to settle with W. B. who provides for our Communion Table. No member appeared, & finally the Book was settled allowing him 212 cents every communion day. The whole sum was found to be about 60 dollars of which his claim amounted to 29.68

* Corner of Essex Street and Barton Square.

† Weld Gardner.

cents so he took half for his trouble & the business ended. The Proprietors used to dispence their charities through the same hands but the business is now done by one of the Committee.

16. Capt. Prat is down with us from Orford [N. H.]. This honest seaman has been of great use to the Gilman party in New Hampshire. It is not rash conjecture that his influence gave Gilman the majority last year. Several years since he bought the Morey farms & has recommended himself & been representative. He has natural powers & no cultivation, but sanguine & persevering. In the River Counties Gilman's majority was obtained. Posterity will hardly judge what means accomplished political ends. Much has been threatened in this Town against the Town Officers. Such are the artifices, that to oppress a party, the last Officers left many debts upon their successors which are to be brought as proofs of extraordinary expences. Accounts are not preparing to prevent the force of this objection & to explain Town affairs. The use of Lamps has generally obtained. Scarcely a street is to be found that is not illuminated from the Beverly Bridge to Danvers lower Meeting. Scarcely anything has had more full consent than this measure. The Lamps are placed at private expence.

19. Off the Baker's Island Light house was discovered this morning a Vessel bottom upwards. The people of Marblehead were as usual the first to discover & to go off. Capt. G. C.* went to them after they had taken the Vessel in tow to go into Cape Ann. Nothing could then be discovered by which the name of the Vessel could be ascertained. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the activity of the people of Marblehead. Some talk of the removal of Capt. W. Pickman from the services of Naval Officer. It interests the public mind for the moment. Mr. Treadwell has given two names as Coroners to the Governour, Capt. Jonathan Lambert & William Lang. The Selectmen had determined to nominate the first & John Punchard. Some uneasiness is expressed on this subject as party is supposed to be concerned.

22. The Schooner upset in the Bay & brought in to this Port by two Marblehead Vessels proves to be the Martha of Portland. Measures are to be taken to right her, & then some further discoveries will be made. We are only able at present to read the name on the Stern. There are reports that Lumber, &c. had gone on shore at Sandy Bay but no direct information has been received.

23. An attempt to raise the Schooner Martha of Portland was in vain. She was to be laid at Anchor at a small distance from Crowninshield wharf & then turned by falls on the wharf. But she came to the wharf & the falls broke. A Sloop with her tackles was then placed on the outside but still vain, & she is left at the head of the wharf to ground on her deck. It was proposed

*George Crowninshield.

to turn her from the wharf with derricks, which is now to be attempted.

24. Another attempt to raise the Schooner without success. Her anchor did not hold, & the great purchases only drew her to the wharf. She is now laid at the head of the wharf till the owners come from Portland. She does not appear to suffer any damage from grounding in this situation.

25. It is said that W. Gray, Merchant, has sold the Ropewalk in Brown Street, to Captain Stephen Webb. Brigg's Ropewalk is unemployed & he lays very sick. The speculation of Merchants in this kind of property has not pleased them & yet Ropemakers do grow rich. A report was circulated in the name of Dr. Cutler of Hamilton respecting Mr. Paine that he was turned out of doors by Mrs. Dearborne. The Dr. denies any concern in this lye, tho' not in the lye respecting the Attorney General's payment of his Clerks out of the Public Treasury. This Dr. is a professed Preacher of the Christian religion.

26. The new Bank in this town does not give intire satisfaction. Mr. P. our Senator of Mass. contrived to have the subscription of the East Ind. Marine Insurance company one hundred thousand dollars, then a subscription to be offered abroad & the remainder to be filled up by the same company, excluding the Stockholders of Essex Bank, or such part as were not in that Company, & in this way giving the privilege to himself & friends, the stock holders in Beverly bank & excluding some of the first merchants in Salem. So full of tricks is a noted party in the United States. A Gentleman who was employed in the business but not informed of his exclusion, observed, it was mean like their Assembly business! Such are the means of weak & narrow minds. How detestable!

27. Sunday. Mr. Young, the Baptist minister, has disappeared from Beverly so that this new meeting house is shut already. The number of Converts was indeed small. Nothing is yet done towards a resettlement in the first Parish in Beverly. As the Parish is divided, Incorporations are to be formed. In this County we are without ordained Ministers in Lower Beverly, Wenham, Rowley first Parish, only Mr. Forbes on Cape Ann Island, where formerly were four ministers, in lower Danvers which Mr. Mead has left, one society in Haverhill, one in Lynn, one in Marblehead, & one in Newbury. So that twelve houses of worship new built of the Congregational denomination are vacant. Mr. Holyoke also of Boxford, has not been able to preach for several years. It is impossible to keep account in this county of the other denominations because they have not regular and constant preaching. The society of this Town which might be added to the twelve has a Candidate who will probably remain, & his name is inserted in the Register. The only regular Baptist Church in the County is at Haverhill.

March 1, 1803. The proceedings to gain clandestinely another Bank in Salem has produced a third, to be called the Mechanic Bank for which a Subscription of one hundred thousand dollars is filled. Even a fourth is threatened. So dangerous is it to alarm prejudices, or to take unworthy steps to accomplish the services of our interest. The Gazette rails much about the intended Celebration of the day of Jefferson's election. Their insults may operate like the Bank business. The Candidates for the office of Senators are mentioned, but the Hon. Judge Treadwell has withdrawn his name. This man was above 20 years a minister in Lynn. Sufficient to say, he left them & came to Salem. Rude manners, & an obnoxious temper were not inconsistent with the ends of a party. Little competitions existed for public offices. Through the Town offices, he crept up insensibly to Representative, Senator, & at length to be a Judge of the Inferiour Court. But as soon as party embodied itself, he was unfit for any party to hold in contest, & he slides downward into obscurity. Last evening departed this life Joseph Perkins, aet. 30, Attorney at Law. He was a native of Chesham, Ipswich, & graduated at Cambridge in 1794. He came into Salem in the study of Law with W. Prescott, & married the granddaughter of W. Pynchon, of the Law. His wife who was an Orne, died soon after marriage as did the only child soon after birth. Mr. Perkins had actually planned & prepared to undertake a voyage for his health. He died in his chair. He was not deficient in talents, had he possessed the suavity of his g. father in Law he would have been able to command better hopes in his profession. The Lodge was determined upon a Committee to reply to the Grand Lodge on the subject of a dissent from their last arrangements. We do not tend to accept the District Masters, the new assessments, or any obligations to receive the Grand Lodge Certificates, as a Lodge. I plead that silence upon the subject would tend more to accomplish our wishes than a constant correspondence on the subject, by which we might be divided, & the worst consequences ensue. The Republicans who are to dine on 4 instant in honour of Jefferson had a meeting at the New Tavern, the Sun,* kept by Crombie, & there chose their Committee of arrangements. Above fifty subscribers have appeared.

2. News of the election of Timothy Pickering into the Senate of the U. S. in the place of T. Foster resigned. So that Timothy has at length succeeded. The Committee of arrangements for the celebration of the election of T. Jefferson as President of the United States, on Friday next, gave me an invitation to dine with them at Osgood's in South Fields. Joseph Story & Benjamin Crowninshield waited upon me. Benjamin Crowninshield† third came into

* Corner of Essex and Crombie streets.

† Afterwards known as "Philosopher Ben." He died in 1864. s. p.

my study to prepare for College. He first was introduced to me yesterday.

4. This day, according to appointment, the Friends of Mr. Jefferson determined to pay him the customary tribute of respect. The guns were fired, & proper discharges in honour of the day. A very respectable company of nearly one hundred citizens met & had an elegant dinner at Osgood's in South fields. Great harmony, & the greatest good order characterized all the proceedings. At sun down with one consent the whole company dispersed & without any occurrence to interrupt the order of the day, the scene of festivity closed. When the prejudices of Essex are considered & the violence of political party & the long continued opposition to all republican sentiments, this must be deemed an uncommon event in the history of Essex. The opposition have determined upon a caucus on next Friday night, so as to be ready for the election of March meeting.

5. To our astonishment we learn that Newbury Port displayed some regard to Jefferson. 17 flags were hoisted at the Fort on Plum Island. The Bells rang, & Flags were displayed in honour of the day. As yet we have heard no impeachment of the good conduct of yesterday. Tho' every insult was offered from the press, there was nothing which could excite the least prejudice against the Company. No invectives, no buffoonery, no indecency were allowed. Mr. Cliff gave us some appropriate music which he performed with an expression truly distinguishing. We learn that in the evening the Committee entertained a Company of persons from the southern parts of the Town, who had rendered service during the day. As they were charged they behaved with great good order, and returned in silence to their homes in good season. We pride ourselves much in these honourable transactions.

6. Sunday. Notes. Jonathan Mason & wife, d. of her mother, Sarah King, aet. 60 she a Northey. One child's funeral & six christenings.

8. The subject of Banks is the most interesting at present. The conduct of the Marine Insurance Bank has led to a Mechanic Bank. The powerful opposition to the first has given ample support to the latter. The first has passed, the next will be considered at the next session. The little arts which often attend the pursuits of gain afford us no very proud views of human nature, or of mercantile life. The Bank Mania has so extended itself that one of the assembly observed, they might expect that every company of boys, which had a stock in marbles, would apply to be incorporated.

9. The Festival of March 4 has had all the ridicule which a disappointed party could spend upon it. At Worcester it was childish; at Charlestown, low; at Newburyport, groggy; & at Salem, eating & drinking. They have hardly attempted wit, but have con-

tented themselves with the lowest billingsgate. But the party feels weak, & disappointed, & we must admit a few twistings & a few laughs at their own pain. Never was a man more basely treated than Jefferson has been by his political enemies. And can we wonder. The country was to be a feast to this new nobility from which they are excluded with disgrace.

10. This day died our neighbour Thomas Briggs. He came, a Rope maker, from Rhode Island, about 25 years ago, to Salem. He worked with Mr. Vincent, & married his daughter. He was assisted in erecting a new Ropewalk, & had great success, but relaxing from his industry, & living with every indulgence of good cheer, he left the vigour of a firm constitution, remained a prey to disease for several years, & finally died very old at 45 years. A fanatic in opinion, as well as in high life, he gave great satisfaction to his friends at death.

11. The political current sets right, but it receives & bears on its surface many impurities. To be accountable for the vices of a party, how heavy a tax upon influence! How can our best politicians answer. To quiet parties we must tolerate, & even promote those who have no claim to favour, not to say who have no desert but of contempt. A caucus this evening to prepare for the election of Town Officers.

12. Was buried that singular man Mr. Briggs. He insisted upon a mahogany coffin, to be buried in his own ground,* to be attended by his own sects & to have a minister of his own denomination, when he could not read or write, & was as ignorant, except of his own occupation, as a man in civil society could be. It answered his purpose, it brought more persons together, but we are not paid for our lamentations. I attended at the house, but there were some circumstances not the most pleasing.

13. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Vincent, wife & family, d. of his Son in Law Thomas Briggs. James Brown & wife, d. of her Brother in Law Briggs, friends at Sea. Abijah Hitchins 2d & wife, d. of one of their children, friends at Sea. Josiah R. Atwell & wife, her delivery, Mother Lovering dang. sick at Roxbury. On 26 Feb. died at Providence, Revd. Enos Hitchcock D. D. aet. 58. He was born at Springfield, grad. at Cambridge in 1767 & was ordained in Upper Beverly. In the war he went a Chaplain into the American Army, & in Oct. 1783 he was installed at the Benevolent Cong. Church in Providence. He has written several things & being in the form of tales, they were adopted to the taste of our times. There was nothing original & therefore these compositions have long since been lost from public enquiry. He was a man of agreeable manners. From want of great information he could not please

* This family burying ground was on the north side of Briggs Court and east of the Silsbee estate.

long. But upon the whole, he obtained a good reputation. He could condescend to low sects, but not rise to reverence great thoughts, wherever found. This day Mr. S. Worcester, by Mr. Barton of Tewkesbury, gave his answer accepting the call at the Tabernacle Church so that we are to be honoured by his talents in Salem. The subject of inviting Mr. Spaulding is again revived & a subscription has been opened.

14. Went to Boston to attend the wardens of Grand Lodge, & to oppose the late innovations. But I soon found that one Warden had not any firmness, & therefore by agreement with the other, the subject was left only for private conversation. Among other business an address from the Brethren Omnium of Charleston, S. C. was read. It was left to a Committee. It is pompous beyond example. The language would have done for Swedenborg's heavens. In Boston they are taking down the new Theatre. It is sold. The New North Church has not advanced beyond the cellar. The New buildings at the head of Long wharf are a rich ornament. The Old Alms House & Work House near the Common are but partly removed. The Catholic Church has nothing done within. Carpenters were at work. Many rich buildings in West Boston & continual additions. The Brick work house for the Penitentiary in Charleston is finished & the materials for the whole plan are preparing.

16. This day truly a summer Day. We were comfortable with open windows & doors, & the grass begins to remind us of returning spring. Little snow on the ground. But the evening began again to tell us of approaching rain. Today for the first time the glass was up to summer heat. The last Town meeting discovered that the Republicans were determined to maintain their advantages & reelect their selectmen. They succeeded but could not have done it had they not suspected the artifices to put them off their guard, by assurances that no opposition was intended.

18. Visited at Capt. Ashbey's. This singular case has engaged some conversation. He has married his niece. The Town Clerk gave a Certificate specifying this fact. This Certificate I refused, & directed another in the usual form, which was given. The circumstances of a commendable prudence, & a regard to domestic happiness might plead strongly in behalf of this Union.

19. The interference of our Republican Lawyer* as he is called, in soliciting the office of Naval Officer in the place of Mr. W. P. † operates unfavourably to that young man. His ambition is boundless, his principles those of youth and inexperience, his mind active, but not strong. His flights are quick, but not high. He skims, but does not rise.

* Joseph Story.

† William Pickman.

25. The Federalists have determined again upon a Caucus. They have repeatedly advertised, but without success. They now talk as if they intended to make a great effort. By uniting for Mr. B. Pickman & Col. Derby they have not done as well as if they had interested two families. Neither of these men will make converts. They may oblige their dependants, & overawe some others. Our young Lawyer has done us irreparable injury.

26. A. S. Tucker was drowned from Union Wharf last night. He was found near his fishing boat, & from all accounts in liquor. This again aggravates the losses of the Widow Welman, who has lost several children lately, under aggravated circumstances of bereavement. We have our singing School four evenings in a week. We cannot get able instructors for the sum we are able to give them. We have the news of the death of Charles Derby at the Sandwich Islands. He was a Son of Hon. Richard Derby. Of this large family only two Sons are left, Samuel & Richard. Two sons & three daughters have deceased within a few years. Richard the eldest son is in Italy. A Mr. Obear enquiring about our Bell in order to have the Beverly bell recast which is now cracked.* It was the best toned & the largest bell in the county.

27. Sunday. This day a letter was received from a School-mistress informing the Preacher that his prayers were too long & must be shortened.

29. The wreck brought in here belonging to Portland has laid keel upwards. All attempts to raise her were unsuccessful. She was therefore scuttled & the Cargo of lumber taken out of one side of her hold. Then planks were fastened like a pen to the bottom & filled with mud. She turned over, & came upon her bottom in the night beyond all expectations, as at a great expense preparations had been made to turn her.

April 1, 1803. On Wednesday a Caucus was ordered in this town at Concert Hall, of Federalists, or opposers of the present administration. Several hundred assembled & a Committee of 120 were chosen to distribute votes, 30 in each ward. The persons were not uniformly of the first consequence but their names were to be printed in the Gazette. On Thursday evening the Republicans met at Rhust's Hall & prepared for a seasonable defence of their own government. Never were more serious preparations made, & the success is not to be guessed, as the exertions are uncommon. An aged Physician† at 76 lent his presence & name to the opposition, & robbed himself in his old age of the confidence which had been placed through life in his discretion. Mr. Pickman made some assertions about elections which are now before the public which he denies. The evidences will appear.

*The new bell was cast by Paul Revere and weighed 1244 pounds.

†Dr. E. A. Holyoke.

2. Election approaches. This day Mr. Joseph Story & Hearsey Derby had an open engagement at fisty cuffs. The passions of party rise, & had any provocations ensued afterwards, the utmost resentment would have been discovered. The Centinel takes notice that the Democratic list did not use any artifice but proposed an entire change in the upper part of the State Administration. The testimonies respecting Mr. Pickman have been signed & prepared for the Register.

3. Sunday. Notes. Mary Welman, sudden d. of her son in Law Samuel Tucker, drowned. Mansfield Burrill & wife, for youngest d. dangerously sick. Elizabeth Rogers, d. of her husband* abroad, pr. for friends at sea. Samuel Foote & wife, d. of their S. in Law Rogers, pr. for friends at Sea. Nath. Hitchins & wife, d. of youngest child, pr. for a Brother at Sea. Hannah & Sarah Smith, d. of their sister Mary Smith. Emmons Smith & wife, d. of his Sister Smith, pr. for brethren at Sea. Robert Bartlet & wife, d. of a Son, pr. for a Son at Sea. Thomas Swan & wife, d. of her Brother, pr. for a Brother at Sea. The new Meeting house in Beverly has introduced Night Meetings† which were never before known in Meeting Houses in that place. The act of incorporation allows two years to make proselytes.

4. The day for Election of Gov., L. G. & Senators. The whole day was occupied. No plan adopted. Confusion prevailed, & the Republicans lost the day. It could not be agreed upon how to vote, & the selectmen were yielding. Never were greater exertions made to accomplish any purpose. The attacks upon Mr. Pickman & Derby occupy the public attention. Mr. Derby will be able probably to excuse himself of any ill purposes but not from the charge of having been a zealous friend of the French. Mr. Pickman will not help himself so readily with those who know him. Capt. W.‡ has often said, he wanted hooping.

8. The affair of Mr. Pickman's declaration that the President ought to be for life is not yet dropped. The Gazette insinuates that some who signed the Certificate are doubtful. This assertion has brought out further testimony and a confirmation. This day I have to remember the artifice of party. Mr. Carlton has an action against him for a Libel against Mr. Pickering, the late candidate for Congress. To harass me I have received a summons to appear as a witness for the Commonwealth against him at the Court to be holden at Ipswich. To repel this insult my friends advised me to write to the Attorney General, Judge Sullivan, which I have done. In the same summons with me were George Smith, to me unknown, & Amos Hovey, a parishioner but flaming feder-

* John Rogers (1777-1803) of Ipswich, Eng., married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Anna Foote. She afterwards married in 1803, John Nichols of Margate, Eng.

† Prayer meetings.

‡ Capt. White?

alist. Phoebe^{*} the Constable says he had the summons from the office of S. Putnam, a pettifogger, who married a sister's daughter of Pickering. This impertinent little fellow was a pupil to me at Cambridge. Such is the spirit & virulence of party.

9. Capt. Allen is blowing the rocks near his house upon the neck. Mrs. Swift who lived on the farm 40 years ago says that the rocks had been repeatedly blown round the house even with the grounds, & that where they are now blowing she has spread her cloaths upon the grass, which covered the whole surface. She is now seventy years of age, & lived above 30 years with her husband on the Neck farm.

10. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Vincent & wife, d. of her sister Joanna in Almsbury. She died in childbed. Elisha Smith, d. of his Father Hon. Josiah Smith, late member of Congress, who took the small pox at New York & died on 4 April aet. 63. He was elected for the State Senate, having declined an election for Congress. Mr. Smith died at home in Pembroke. John Barker & wife, d. of her father Hon. Josiah Smith, pr. for absent friends. Mary Tozzer & children, d. of her husband† abroad, pr. for Brothers at Sea. Abiel Tozzer & children, d. of her son Ebenezer Tozzer abroad, pr. for a Son at Sea. Sarah Creely, d. of her husband drowned at Sea, pr. for a Brother at sea. Mary Stevens & sister, d. of their Brother in law Creely. Benjamin Waters & sister, d. of their Brother‡ abroad.

14. On Neck Farm affairs Mrs. Renew had a particular knowledge of Tapley from whom her grandfather Abbot, after whom the Cove in Neck farm is still named, bought the Tavern House, the site of which is now easily to be seen. And she assured me, that one Crow lived upon the Island, while the house was the property of Col. Higginson, & that the house was deserted some time before it was taken away. I find that the method of settling the interferences on the Winter Island was by the judgment of the Selectmen & it did not extend to the disposal of the Land, but of the occupiers of it for the time being.

16. The weather continues stormy, & the worst to be imagined, thick, long, & with dark nights. We fear for our friends on the coasts. The stages cannot pass as the snow already lies at great depth between Newburyport & Salem.

20. This day was assigned for the ordination of Mr. Samuel Worcester in Salem. The prudence of this choice in a society accustomed to divisions, time must explain. This man has excited & suffered from them in his former ministry, whether he will profit from experience & the people from his sorrows, we shall

^{*} Fabens.

† Ebenezer, who died Mar. 26, 1803.

‡ Stephen Waters, a. 19 y., while on a voyage from Calcutta.

soon determine. As he is of a sect no invitations were given to any of the associated Clergy of the neighbourhood excepting to dine with the council. Of consequence none of them appeared. At ten the solemnities began & there was a dinner for the Council in Concert Hall, & a Lecture at the Tabernacle in the evening.

21. The affair of the libel upon T. Pickering in the Salem Register, came before the Court at Ipswich. The two Judges on the bench were Sewall & Thacher. The Solicitor General & Judges delivered the case with great zeal to the Jury & after several hours they returned guilty. G. Blake was Carlton's attorney.

22. The reports of war furnish a topic of conversation which rather perplexes than satisfies us. Many in the Commercial world wish it. There are several examples of counterfeiting the paper money of the Banks. As there are so many Banks, & so much of its money in circulation, should the Bills be discredited, the consequences must be serious. The temptation is undoubtedly great in such a flux.

24. Sunday. Notes. Mansfield Burrill & wife & Children, d. of youngest daughter Mary. Wid. Elizabeth Gaines, d. of a sister in neighbouring Town, Peabody at Newburyport, aet. 77. Hannah Webb & children, d. of her only son, pr. for Husband & Brothers at sea. Tabitha Allen, death of her grand child Webb, pr. for friends at Sea. Josiah R. Atwell & wife, death of her mother at Roxbury, wid. of Joseph Lovering. George Sinclaur, ret. from sea, death of wife & children in his absence. Sarah Fletcher, d. of her child, pr. for husband & brother at sea. The grammar school master of Salem, upon a Salary of 700 D. a year, one Parker, has accepted to be Clerk of an English Church & has supplanted an honest mechanic, a writing School Master & Brother of Dr. Maxey, formerly president of the College in Providence, now of a College in New York State. Spring of Newbury on the last fast dared to arraign Jefferson as a Deist, & to say he promoted only men of the same character. The licentiousness of the Pulpit is not behind the licentiousness of the press.

25. This day the Printer of the Register received sentence of imprisonment for two months, to pay one hundred dollars & to give security for good behaviour for one year, he in bonds of 400 dollars and his sureties in 400 more. He was conveyed to prison in this Town this evening & having been much harassed is very much indisposed. Should the charge be just, yet when we consider the great provocations which have been given from the licentiousness with which the President & all his friends have been treated, we can but be astonished at the effrontery of such proceedings.

27. Mr. Carlton in the goal has a high fever. He is a sufferer. Attempts were made to increase the evils of his confinement, & a representation was made to the Court that he went abroad in

contempt of their orders. In consequence the Sheriff was ordered to his duty & a letter came on the Deputy Hudson, who kept the goal to confine him, & to take directions from Mr. Prescott, or Mr. S. Putnam of the Law in Town. Mr. Prescott decided nothing, but Mr. Putnam, who has done all the mischief told him to treat him a Debtor, without liberty of the yard. Application was made to the high Sheriff, Bartlet of Haverhill, & he approved of Hudson & continued the privileges of the Prisoner, so that he is in a comfortable apartment, & his friends have access to him. The Sheriff would not inform, who told the Court. Col. Lee, the Collector mediated with Judge Sewall to mitigate the sentence, & the Judge said the object was to find out the Author of the Libel, which insinuated that Pickering might have hush money from Liston the English Minister. As this is singular affair among us, at least in this generation it attracts more notice than commonly belongs to such transactions.

29. This morning Capt. B. Hodges lost his amiable daughter Margaret. She appeared to be the most healthy of his children. She has lingered long in a Consumption & has suffered very much but without complaining. How sweetly does religious hope appear in such a scene. She was a promising child & deserved well of all who knew her.

30. Capt. Allen is preparing to move upon his farm for a summer's residence. This is the first time the Neck has been the residence of any family but for the purposes of industry. A vast body of rocks has been removed by blowing, from the northern part of the yard. Col. Harthorne is preparing to raise his Barn upon Point of Rocks. This was the place of an early settlement & there were 14 houses, besides other buildings here formed. There has been no building for half a Century. The Turnpike which I visited this day is gravelled as far as Pickering's Hill 1 1-2 miles in a right line, & the riding is already comfortable.

May 1, 1803. Sunday. Notes. Robert Bartlet, & Son, death of his wife, pr. for absent friends. Henry Standley & wife, d. of his Mother Bartlet, pr. for Brethren at Sea. Thomas Swan & wife, d. of her mother Bartlet, pr. for Brethren at Sea. Amos Hill & wife, d. of Sister Bartlet, pr. for absent friends. Elizabeth Martin, d. of Sister in Law B., pr. for absent friends. This is an uncommon instance of attention to character after the lowest education & the humblest means. The most reputable citizens attended the funeral procession & bore testimony to the benefits of virtuous resolutions & industry of character.

3. At Capt. B. Hodges' request I went with his Son, who is to graduate this year, to obtain his leave of absence from the state of his health. A Voyage is proposed into the Mediterranean with his Uncle & in a vessel belonging to his Father. The afflicted family have lost four children & in consumptions at a desirable

age. I found the President very attentive, & as there was a meeting of the Corporation & Overseers, he kindly undertook to do the whole business. I found my old friend Winthrop but busy in his Probate Office. I went into his Library which I examined with great pleasure. I passed down to Boston to see what books I was to take from the Salem & Minerva which had arrived from London, but the Books had not been opened. I found my parents well, & returned through Charleston to Cambridge. In the afternoon we returned to Salem, with all the success we wished.

6. A Federal Caucus held last evening but upon account of the rain it was not so fully attended. Hon. Mr. Treadwell & Hon. B. Pickman were the speakers, & the result is reported in the Gazette. The Barton House in Essex Street is taken down. It stood opposite to St. Peters Street. The frame of oak was good. The new Bank is to occupy this space. The building was sold for 40 dollars but was to be taken down & removed.

7. Last evening was the Republican Caucus. The number was great & they have published a list of a Committee to distribute votes. The Candidates federal, E. Beckford, Jona. Waldo, Amos Hovey. The Candidates Republ. Jo. Sprague, J. Harthorne, W. Cleaveland. Party never was higher than in this town & without violence. A Dr. Kitteridge from Brookfield, whose son is in this Town, dined with me. There are 15 of the name in the practice of Physic & Surgery, & most of them self taught, & yet with great success in Surgery. The Ancestor of them all died at Andover about 20 years ago.

8. Sunday. Notes. Benjamin Hodges & wife, d. of daughter Margaret M. & for his only Son & Brother at Sea. The rain began this day at eight in the morning & the snow at eleven & it snowed throughout the day. At Cambridge I find many of the students attend the Episcopal Church in which Mr. Jenks is a reader, as the preaching of Mr. Holmes is not acceptable. The attachment to him is weakening. He has broken up the Sunday night Club, which existed through the long ministry of Dr. Appleton. Mr. Spring & his associates talk of a Gospel Magazine which is to be printed in Salem. Spring & H. have been to borrow materials for the work.

10. This day a beautiful Ship was launched from Brigg's ship Yard on South field side, belonging to Peabody. Capt. Townsend who suffered so much in the Horse Shoe had suffered before by being dismasted near the Cape of Good Hope.

11. The refusal to suffer Mr. Gardner* to vote, because not naturalized upon his return as he was a refugee, has given great umbrage, especially as it displayed the independence of the Republican party. Able to take my usual walk on the neck after

*Henry Gardner (1747-1817), son of Samuel and Esther (Orne) Gardner.

above a fortnights absence from lameness which I am willing to consider as a sprain, but which many are willing to comfort me is the first touch of the GOUT. Time must explain but as none of my ancestors were ever troubled with it, or the Rheumatism, or Palsy, or Apoplexy, since they have been inhabitants of America, in my father's family above a century, & in my mother's from the beginning, how shameful must I deem it to introduce such a Calamity.

14. The Spanish Consul Mr. Stoughton & Dr. Francis Matignon were with me this week to obtain some assistance in Salem respecting a Catholic Church in Boston. I readily gave them all the assistance in my power. We ought to do everything which can encourage the liberality in France & Spain, by which the Protestant religion may be more fully tolerated. The Roman & Grecian Pantheons were not wild theories. They were good policy. If they find admittance to the Counting room, they ought to find a Church too. The Crowninshields gave their fifty Dollars in a very polite note to Dr. Matignon. This gentleman by his long continued good behaviour gives all the influence of private character to his cause. Poterie who first gave a public form to their worship in Boston abused the public charities & finally ran away. The next incumbent when summoned by his Bishop disappeared and the common prejudices against Thayer, a native of Boston, seemed to destroy all hopes of the Catholic Church in Boston. They now see better days.

15. Sunday. Note. Joseph Vincent & wife, d. of her Brother in Law at Newbury port, Eben Morrison, aet. 62. In Salem Dr. Matignon received before he left the Town from E. H. D.* a Bell, 150 D. G. Crowninshield & Sons, 50 D. W. Orne, J. Peabody, N. West, 50 D. Wait & Pierce 40, S. Forrester, 30 D. in all 420. Dr. Matignon was well pleased with a polite note from J. Crowninshield as he says in his letter. Political enmity has proceeded so far that a broken Clergyman who has intruded upon Salem, has designated some men as necessarily to be banished for the sure influence of his party, & has named the minister in the East Society as one. More is to be feared from a religious sect with such a man as Spring at its head, than from any Essex politicians, as to any ecclesiastical revolutions.

16. As my friends Capt. Gibaut's father & son were sick, I went this day to Cape Ann. I found the Old Gentleman sinking under an infirmity from which he can have no relief, & the son in a state of debility, truly deplorable. I spent a few hours at noon, & returned in the afternoon to Salem. Capt. Ingersoll of Boston has finished a pretty house at Kettle Cove, Manchester. He says fine gunning at Crow Island opposite his door, but more sure riches from the beaches. At Manchester they have gotten

*Elias Hasket Derby.

the Training frolic over, as the Minister was thought at that time a little wandering. This was the first time I had passed the new road round Manchester great hill. And no person unacquainted with the former road here or in Cape Ann will readily conceive the improvement. It is now 7 miles from Beverly M. H. to Manchester & 7 to Gloucester. In all the Towns I found men at work upon the Roads.

18. A new road is proposed to pass Salem shore on Marblehead side. Mr. Hooper proposes it to join more easily the new turnpike. The widest part of the gore will not exceed 38 rods, or 9 1-2 chains nor 1-2 quarter of mile. The turnpike proves to be a laborious jobb to the undertakers. No part is finished as passing through either to Lynn or elsewhere in carriages is not at present permitted. Capt. Allen is now placing a strong & handsome wall round his Farm house on the neck. The alteration is very great. A new fence is put round the Neck below all the private lots, & as far down as the old Block Houses. Land is purchased to remove the east School house from the Common to the Lot between East street & the East Meeting House.

19. A Fishing Schooner built by a young company of Ship Carpenters upon Barker's new wharf below Derby & Carleton street, was launched this morning. The Marblehead Owners were present to receive her.

21. In this town the prosecution of Mr. Carleton was made by a Mr. S. Putnam* formerly of Danvers. This young Lawyer, small in stature, married a g. d. of Deacon Pickering & neice of the Ex. Secretary. He is very busy, talking everywhere, & a mighty blusterer. In his pleadings at Court, he has been ordered to sit down, it should have been added as often is to naughty boys & sit still.

22. Sunday. Notes. William Tozzer & wife, d. of his Brother Ebenezer. Anna Lee, d. of her husband. (A. L. & her children.) Edward Archer and wife, her delivery, d. of his Brother in his absence.

24. Being the week of Gen. Election I went for Boston. This evening a sermon by Mr. Austin of Worcester was delivered before the Missionary Society of which Dr. Emmons is President. Mr. Worcester of this town obtained 20 dollars towards the funds of this society by a contribution on Monday evening. This Missionary business is prosecuted with great zeal by many persons in Europe & America. In visiting the different parts of the Town I find great improvements. The new Wharf near Battery March is begun.

25. After the choice of a Speaker in the House, H. G. Otis, &c. the Court proceeded to the old South for the first time on an Election day. The Convention was formerly held here till it was

*Later Judge of the Supreme Court.

removed to Brattle Street Church. The service began at one o'clock and closed at 3. Mr. Puffer of Berlin preached. In the evening I heard Dr. Stillman preach upon the subject of their Baptist Missionary Society. He was animated, & displayed great pulpit eloquence. The contribution was 120 dollars. The vocal music of this Congregation far exceeds any thing which I ever heard in any other. The closing anthem was well performed.

27. In the morning I attended a Vendue at Oliver's Dock at Bradford's Auction. The French Books only were sold. I returned in the afternoon to Salem, & did not hear Gardner's address to the Charitable Fire Society.

28. While in Boston I had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Parson's choice collection of Classical Authors. The rich Chandelier of the Old South, lately given them by Mr. Switcher, is the best I have ever seen. It cost 800 dollars. I saw it then for first time. Dr. Eliot's meeting at North end is raised as far as first story in brick. The Catholic Church is finished on the outside. The Buildings where stood the Almshouse near the Common are begun.

29. Sunday. Note. Hannah Archer, aet. 86, pr. for her declining years. Missionary societies are all in the spirits of the times. Among our own settlers they are well enough. But the savages are more under the care of the government than the Clergy. We learn that this Sunday Mr. Abbot of Haverhill is to preach at the Brattle Street Church. It is affirmed that without any previous information he has told his congregation of his design & has ventured to leave it vacant during his absence. He must have great assurances, or he must have little modesty. At Beverly attempts were made to resettle a minister. A Mr. Thompson was the Candidate. A majority in the Congregation was easily obtained but not in the Church. He is represented by the dissatisfied as too easy. The plea is to hear further. This is exactly the manner in which they proceeded in 1782, when I was a Candidate in the same place. Mr. Popkins who was ordained in the Church in federal street, & resigned in some measure deranged is again engaged in preaching, & has lately officiated in the second Church in Lynn. Too good an opinion is generally entertained of him, to suppose that mere jealousy should have occasioned so extraordinary a measure as his resignation.

31. Preparations for a Court Martial at Salem upon Capt. Usher of Danvers, for some undutiful behaviour. This is the first scene of the kind, which I have heard of in this Town & it attracts some notice. The Cadets do the duties of the guard upon the occasion. The Eastern School House was to be removed from the south western part of the Common down to East street. The undertaker makes a long job of it.

June 1, 1803. The former part of this day was rich with Showers. In the afternoon I took two young Misses & rode to

the beaches. We found friend W. Northey rich in his fields. We carried our luxuries to friend W. Philip's whom we found happy at 88 years. After visiting the fields we rode on to Nahant beach, & from thence to the Turnpike to view the Floating bridge for the first time, which bridge is now fit for travelling. We then rode to Spring pond, crossed the brook & mounted the hill & entered the grove, & by the pond returned upon the road below. We had excellent ale at the house on the farm, & at nine reached Salem. At Philip's point we saw the sumach myrtle in full bloom. It is a beautiful flower. There has been a plentiful fishery this season off Philip's point. A new road is intended across the farms for the convenience of those who inhabit these shores.

3. In the Showers of Wednesday the rain brought with it uncommon quantities of a yellow substance which was pronounced at once sulphur. It appeared upon the top of all our rain water casks, cisterns, & upon every place in which the water could be retained. But the most remarkable quantity was in the cove formed in north river within Wind mill point. It may literally be said that Bushels were at the upper part of the cove at the high water mark. It proved to be the pollen chiefly of the blooms particularly of the ranunculus, or butter cup with which all our fields are covered. I saw one man with a ball of it rolled together as large as the bowl of a hat. He supplied me with it. It certainly was to me a very uncommon appearance, & a quantity far beyond what I had ever imagined in such extraordinary cases. The weather yesterday & this day is cold, last evening 59, this morning 57 indoors.

4. The Court Martial upon Capt. Usher has continued in this Town all the week. The result will be had next week. Col. Harthorne is straightening the wall on the Neck at point of rocks. The town exchanges land for mutual convenience. One Dunel is repairing Smith's house near the Bridge. The roof of it is much altered & the dignity of the house is lost. Several buildings going on in Pleasant street. Old Shallop Cove is now formed into a cross street going from Pleasant street to the water. The School-house is removed after much labour & with little judgment. It now stands in East street, not far from the East meeting house.* The Brewery in Derby street, below Webb street is in operation under one Bixner, who had been in the business southward. Mr. Becket, Shipbuilder, who is the only person in the Eastern part of the Town that ever took advantage of the Bankrupt Law, it is believed will be able to pay much more than was expected, perhaps the whole. The weekly magazine in this Town from Boston has considerable circulation. Its object is moral & entertaining.

7. A Mr. Haynes, who has come into this Town from Cape of Good Hope & has been in the British Land service as a Surgeon, was with the Brethren this evening. By his tarry it is to be ex-

*Afterwards removed to the east side of Webb street.



THE FLOATING BRIDGE AT LYNN, ON THE SALEM AND BOSTON TURNPIKE.

From a photograph taken in 1898.

pected that he intends to establish himself in this part of the Country. A Lodge is to be consecrated at Haverhill next Thursday.

10. Our government has rejected the address to the President of the United States upon the subject of the Militia. This shews the violence of party, especially when we contrast it with the zeal for addresses under the last administration.

11. This day for the first time I passed by the New Turnpike road from Lynn to Salem, over the floating bridge. The road has but few places which are not perfectly safe. Posterity will not imagine the roughness of this spot in its original state, after such excellent roads are made through it. I was at Philip's point & travelled upon the shore from the Beach at the Point to Bartlett's beach. The Earth in high vegetation.

12. Sunday. At the installation of the Lodge at Haverhill last week, the Right Reverend Bishop Bass prayed, & the Grand Chaplain Rev. Ezra Ripley of Concord preached. This is the first time a Bishop has aided at such ceremonies. But this is a just return for our attention at laying the foundation of his Church.

14. This day & yesterday I was employed in catechising the children. The number of females on Monday was 170 & the males this day 110. The females exceeded any other number I have noticed.

15. This morning died Hannah Archer, Widow of Nathaniel Archer. She was a Hodges, & sister of the wife of the distinguished merchant of this place, Richard Derby, who died in 1783. She went through great changes of life. Had a fine presence, & a strong & active mind, which she preserved till her death, at 86 years of age having outlived all her own generation. Her brother Capt. John Hodges died 20 July, 1799. Her brother Joseph in 1785. She took great care of two of her great grand children Byrnes, & received constant attention from the Derby family, particularly Patty now Mrs. Prince. She was born in 1718, & was married by Revd. James Diman in the first year of his ministry, in 1737, to Samuel Ives, a descendant of a reputable & antient family. He became infirm & poor & died. In 1768 she married Mr. Nathaniel Archer who died in 1772 & left her a Widow, & she remained in that state till her death. She was born in the year in which the second or East Meeting House was built. She had no children which survived her, but 11 grand children & g. g. children, in great number. She had little consolation but in the two g. g. children which she adopted & educated. She had no children by Archer.

18. Capt. Allen building the wall towards the Cove in front of his piazza on Neck. A Barn raised upon the Land next to Symonds near the Bridge by Pierce & Wait who bought of the heirs of Woodberry. Opposite is repaired the house formerly belonging to Shoresman Smith. Col. Harthorne is now straightening the

wall on point of Rocks according to his agreement with the Town.

19. Sunday. Note. William Stickney & wife & Sister, d. of their g.grandmother Archer. These were Byrnes, ed. by Madam Archer, pr. for friends at Sea. Ord. at Beverly last Wednesday a Mr. Williams. Everything was done to give fame to this event. Dr. Stillman, from Boston, with the best of the sect, attended & the congregational church was open for the ceremonies. The society is small but may grow. A Baptist preacher is attempting to get entrance & establishment in Portsmouth. The controversy is in the Gazette. I wish this sect had preachers of more respectable abilities. Robison as a man of sense, was puzzled to find himself in such company. Are sects in their infancy of the same character? Has posterity from their success proved favourable to them? Of the Baptists, as I have no prejudices, I am sure I know no preachers of common attainments. I have been acquainted with many of them, & have a good opinion of their integrity.

22. I went with several of the family to Nahant for the first time this season. We found the weather very hot. We fished in the afternoon. Found innumerable of the esculent murices upon Nahant Beach. They have provided to prevent the sea from a passage over the Beach near the little Nahant by piles driven in the sand. After our amusements we returned by the old road to Salem, but went by the Beaches. We stopped at Oliver's Farm, formerly Cottle's & had some excellent ale.

24. Being St. John's Day, Mr. Ward, Mr. Becket, & myself with three boys went in a Vineyard pilot boat to visit the Islands. They are built much like the whale boats only broader in the middle, & are rendered very safe by good conduct. We struck at dead low water on Fluent's point, but got off without damage, fished between grey rock & Cat Island, & as the wind was rising landed on Cat Island. Here we spent the day. The wind was so high that no tent could stand, & we were exposed to the sun without any shelter, & the heat was excessive. We could find no spring & the well was dry. We found three horses & good grass. In the evening we returned. The three eastern coves are not safe to enter on account of the sunken rocks. The best landing is against the rocky head eastward of the beach & there the boat may lay in deep water, & the boat be brought near without danger, when the winds are within shore.

25. This day Mr. Carlton is at liberty from his 60 days imprisonment. He has not felt so easy as we hoped. His friends have been kind to him. The subscription has exceeded 500 D. & the subscribers to his Newspaper have increased. He is bound to keep the peace for two years. Such the consequences from touching the contentious Ex Secretary,* who has been in the

*Col. Timothy Pickering.

storms of life ever since his existence. It is impossible in Church Quarrels, Neighbours Quarrels, Physician quarrels, Army quarrels, Washington & Adams & Jefferson quarrels, not to see something of a quarrelsome man. An obstinate temper, an irresistible pride of dominion, an oppressive envy, & a haughty demeanor with little judgment & incessant enmities have given this man his character, & a determination to go all lengths has made him an acceptable tool of an enraged faction.

26. Sunday. Notes. Mary Hutchinson & Children, d. of her eldest daughter. Mary, wife of David Ropes, pr. for g. son at Sea. On Wednesday last was the ordination in the second Congregational Church in Marblehead. I have not yet obtained any particular account of the proceedings. The minister named May applied for an alteration in the Church covenant without success & gave it up. This was a subject of debate in the Council. A worthy man of the Congregation says One third is for him, one third against him, & another third very indifferent about him. There are vacancies in this neighbourhood. One in Danvers, one in Lynn, one in Reading, two in Beverly, one in Wenham, still unsupplied. Notice has been given that on 6 of July a sermon will be delivered before the female Charitable Society in Salem & a contribution asked.

28. Capt. Crowninshield & sons gave us an invitation in their excellent boat to sail among the Islands. There was a chosen company. The fishery was not most successful, but we had enough to provide a good fish dinner on Misery Island. The Shower of the afternoon interrupted us, & we returned in the middle of the afternoon. Several parties were out. The Misery had a considerable number of Cattle & Sheep upon it, & the feed was abundant. They raise many rabbits at Baker's Island, & for the parties which may visit it. Capt. G. C.'s Boat is the most convenient & the best for sailing, I have ever seen in this place. Tautaug's have been taken this year at Beverly Bridge. Major Sprague, Messieurs Harthorne, Dr. Stearnes & several other persons were of our party & we passed time agreeably.

29. This day was the Company training in Salem so that we had the sound of the drum. The Court of Sessions is in Town with our new Judges. In the Train Band, Barker is promoted as Captain. Great changes are begun on Bridge street. Father Smith's house is decently repaired & the form changed. Peirce & Wait have raised their store, & preparations are making for a convenient landing which will probably prepare for a very valuable wharf at Planter's marsh. Much is anticipated. Col. John Saunders* from New York dined with us. He is an unfortunate adventurer, & has been Bankrupt since he left Salem. He is an agreeable man, but it would have been better to tarry at home. In

*Son of John and Susan Saunders (1760-1845).

the evening I was with Jesse Putnam, who has spent 8 years in France, & part of the time in a French prison. He was with me at College, a native of Danvers, & impelled by ill success in business. He expects to continue in his own country. Speaks positively that war is not sought by France.

30. Capt. Chever & friends formed a large water party & went with them to Naugus on Marblehead side. We had many females with us. A party of us went to Aunt Morse's & enjoyed her good cake & ale, & all returned pleased without any accident. Some small children went towards evening to play on the water near the Point of Rocks. A child of Capt. S. Welmans ventured too far & was taken out of the water after having been in for some minutes, & nearly dead. Mr. Dalrymple & Mr. Tytler saved her after she had been several minutes in the water, & had floated some distance from shore buoyed up by her clothes. We have not lost a child of the Parish in twenty years by drowning.

July 2, 1803. The curious case of Cliff, in the Inferiour Court, arrests attention. This man distinguished himself on the fourth of March, as an excellent singer at the festival. He was challenged as a thief by one Lang, a mean fellow. He sued Lang for defamation. Party interested itself & Cliff was cast as the report was not malicious. The Republicans should not try Courts of Justice so called unnecessarily.

3. Sunday. Notes. Jane Malcom, d. of her sister, Mother & friends absent. Priscilla Lambert, her delivery, prayers for husband & friends at sea. Mr. Barton of Tewkesbury has been dismissed at his own request. He has printed his farewell sermon which will expose his own prejudices, & convince the public that it was time to sepearate. These Hopkinsians have sufficiently proved that if mankind will believe anything, they will not consent to be treated with ill nature. At May's ordination, Marblehead, Dr. Morse preached.

4. Anniversary of American Independence. Firing through the day. The ringing of Bells is rare in this Town. I recollect it only upon the visit of Washington & Fayette, & at the celebration of Washington's Birth Day. The flags were displayed, by all who could command them. The Cadets & Artillery were under arms. Major Pickman entertained the Military Officers, & the Soldiers of the indep. corps & gentlemen who dined publickly in town were entertained at Crombie's in Old Essex street. I dined with the Republicans at Osgood's in Northfield.* The dinner was excellent, & there was great good order. The aged men who dined with us were Mr. Jacobs of Northfields above ninety, Mr. Osgood & Symonds at eighty & Mr. Phippen nearly of that age. Dr. Story of Marblehead & Dr. Batchelder of Beverly & Dr. Oliver of Salem, Mr. Story of the Law & the whole company

*Southfields ?

included 90 persons, & Major Joseph Sprague presided. We had toasts & songs, & were well accommodated in a spacious tent raised for the occasion. The day ended without accident. I had the pleasure of waiting upon the old men to their respective houses. The toasts were given by the young men, & partook of their feelings. Mr. Carlton, the Printer, had an invitation in honour of his services, & as a proof of support from his friends. We suffered nothing upon fair comparison in our behaviour & tho' we were seated at two, the tent was empty at five o'clock. The declaration of Independence was read on the occasion.

6. This day a Charity Lecture was notified for the Female Charitable Society in this Town. It was held in the first Church, the prayer by Dr. Prince, & the Sermon by Dr. Barnard. The Collection 320 D. The assembly was not so full as I expected from the public notifications in all the congregations. The Ladies generally attended but there were some circumstances unusual which might operate to prevent such a concourse as is sometimes found. In the afternoon, Dr. Stearns, the principal proprietor of the Salem Turnpike, he holding a ten, gave me a seat in his Chaise & we rode on the Turnpike as far as Lynn. We then walked upon the unfinished part as far as Ware's Bridge which was not planked. I had an opportunity of seeing the work in all stages. The fascines were laid upon the marsh & the soil heaped upon them till near the intended surface, then slabs of pine covered the softer earth, & the gravel was laid upon the slabs, & the sides turfed at a convenient angle. The Saugus Bridge was upon mud sills & upon framed piles driven into the bed of the river. The Bridge over Knight's Creek was finished, as was that over Chelsea River. Flax Hill will be robbed of its glory, & the extreme wildness of Breed's Island of Ten acres will probably soon be lost. The temporary building for the accommodation of the workmen was on this Island. 70 persons were supplied at it. From the Island are brought the herbs Solomon's Seal, Blood Root, & the herb called by the Indian Cohoosh. A Botanist would be rewarded on this Island, but the trees begin to fall & the herbage to be trodden down. The whole face of this part of the County will immediately change. The first toll on the part between Salem & Lynn was taken yesterday. The amount 12 1-2 dollars. The frame of the Lynn Inn is up & the building is to be finished in next month. A House is to be raised on Breed's Island. Col. Breed paid us every attention at that place. I took tea with Dr. Stearns & had the company of his father Sprague. They have not at present above 100 persons employed in the different works of the Turnpike. They have had a greater number. The worst & first part of the work was undertaken by particular men. The labourers are now hired by the proprietors.

7. Mr. Bowen, in Salem, attempting to get articles for his

Boston Museum which had lately been destroyed by fire. I supplied him with every thing which was at hand. I gave him an Armadilla, 4 Bottles with snakes, Lizards, &c., Palm branch & nuts, & a selection of Shells, &c. His museum is intended for Show, & he has made a great deal of money by it, but Turell has the most rich collection for a natural historian. We found a most happy arrangement in the room of the Salem Marine East India Association.

8. The declaration of War by Great Britain is the most interesting theme of public conversation. The different celebrations of the 4 July attract notice. The competition is evident. The friends of the administration had their separate assemblies in Salem, Newbury Port, & Ipswich, & are powerfully united & known to each other in those places. The toasts were not of an equivocal nature, & inspire the firmness necessary.

9. An unhappy man was drowned from a raft near the Turnpike. Our friend Captain Allen is dangerously sick. The improvements he has made on the neck this season are so great as to alter greatly the appearance of the whole spot, and the ornamental part is truly rich. But we can make few calculations upon life. We may enrich posterity when we disappoint ourselves. But of all our disappointments those in our children after care & pains are greatest.

10. Sunday. The history of Mr. Abbot of Haverhill. Puffed up by the praises of Dwight & Morse who have employed him to rant about Illuminatism he began to beg for his office. Party would not yield to him & the Sovereignty of his claims he could not obtain. He was invited to preach at Brattle street church in Boston. He gave up all at Haverhill at their invitation. At Boston he was nothing. He was in the wide world. He required a council for dismissal from Haverhill. He obtained it & was dismissed. He offered to preach his Farewell Sermon, & the Committee politely declined his services. He is now a Candidate at Beverly as we hear. Dr. Eckly tells me that Popkins, before he left Belnap's Society, was nearly deranged. He was often convulsed while in the pulpit & actually at Roxbury was advised to leave off, by one of the Congregation. He is now preaching at Wenham, & has been in this neighbourhood.

13. The present dull dirty weather makes us turn to the chapter of accidents & they have been numerous. Is there any ground for the opinion that they are commonly grouped. A person is drowned at Salem Turnpike, & one is instantly blown up on Dedham turnpike. Lightning kills at Lynn, the gust upsets boats at New York, & lives are lost. Here, houses & barns are burnt, there, wrecks are found. Many limbs are broke. Children fall from the windows at Salem, & immediately we hear of the same accidents elsewhere. For many months before we had heard of

few accidents. One such group would give occasion to many a theory, & to many a prejudice & superstition. But is there not state of the system in which the labourer is less braced & when he has greater danger. Why not from natural habit as well as what we call bad habits?

14. This day will be memorable with me for the summons from the Supreme Judicial Court for Contempt of Court. Alas for Courts of Justice! I was sent for as a witness in behalf of the Commonwealth in the action against Mr. Carlton for a libel upon Timothy Pickering. I wrote to Judge Sullivan Att. General & he recommended to attend, whatever I might feel. It so was I was very lame at the time of the meeting of the Courts & the Doctor gave me a Certificate. Party has abused this, in order to injure me. When my presence would have been of [no] importance as Mr. C. assured me that he should confess himself the printer, publisher & Editor of the Register. I wrote a letter stating these facts to the Attorney General of the United States this day.

15. By turning to the 15 April it appears I then made applications to Dr. Kitteridge. This ascertains the date I had obtained Letters from Ipswich inviting me to the house of Mr. Farley, dated on the 14th. Dr. Kitteridge gave me a Certificate which was sent to Court. Mr. Hovey called on the 18 & offered me a seat in Chaise, & upon explaining my indisposition he, tho' summoned, went & was excused from attendance. Mr. Carlton assured me that he had told S. Putnam that he should not deny that he was the printer, &c., & that no evidence was necessary. It was as late as the 7 of May, Dr. Kitteridge of Andover prescribed for me to reduce the swelling.

19. Died in this town, Jeremiah Lee, aet. 21, at his uncle's, Col. Lee, Collector of the Port. He had lain above 30 days in a nervous fever. The ornamental work of the Neck farm has been finished. We have no hopes of the recovery of Capt. E. Allen to enjoy it. This evening died at Marblehead, Isaac Story, eldest Son of Isaac Story, formerly a Minister in that town. He had been educated at Cambridge & was in the practice of the Law at Sterling, Worcester C. Being indisposed he rode down to Marblehead 80 miles in one day, & fixed a fever, & on third day expired. He was the imitator of Peter Pindar, under the signature of Peter Quince, from which an impartial judgment might be made of his talents.

20. This was formerly our Commencement day. As this is the first deviation several persons in commemoration of the day, went on fishing parties.

23. The virulence of party is so great that it is now openly said that my physician had appeared under a false name. That he was a disguised villain, &c., only because he gave a certificate of the state of his patient as unable to attend at Court.

24. Sunday. Note. Mary Andrew, d. of her Sister Margaret Barton, æt. 59. They were Gardiners. Mrs. Barton was much respected. She was mother to the wives of John & Samuel Derby & has several surviving children. Mr. Giles, the Brother in law of Bodily, lately deceased, has been installed his successor in the Pastoral office at the second Presbyterian Church in Newbury Port on 20th instant. Mr. Marshfield with me from Lynn, second Parish. He tells me they have heard Mr. Popkin but his settlement was opposed. Then Mr. Emerson who has an invitation from the new society in Beverly. Their present candidate is from Providence College.

26. Went for Cape Ann in the noted boat of Capt. G. Crowninshield. We left the wharf at 4 O'clock & with very light breezes & some use of the oars we reached the wharves in the Cape Ann Harbour at 11 O'clock. Then we walked over to Old Town to the Mills & found Capt. G. Gibaut gone to Sandy Bay to be present at the raising of a Meeting House in that place. We were regaled by the berries which grew in great abundance in this place & after dinner returned to our Boat. We sailed upon our return from the Cape Ann Wharf at 2, & opposite to Norman's woe we had a good breeze & were in Salem before five o'clock. We left Capt. E. Gibaut the father very infirm indeed.

28. The quantity of Rain which has fallen is very great. Some of the showers have been the heaviest ever known. It is said a snake was found upon the deck of a vessel at Crowninshield's wharf. Many young bull frogs were certainly found in town & there are no ponds in which they are known to lodge. This singular appearance has long been the subject of enquiry, & remains to be satisfactorily explained. The theory of rain is little understood. The snake which I saw was certainly above 8 inches in length, which was produced as the one found upon the deck of the ship. Last evening departed this life Capt. Edward Allen. He came to America in 1757 from Berwick on Tweed, as a mariner, & by his good conduct gained esteem & employment in this Town. He married the sister of the wife of the well known Merchant Richard Derby, the ancestor of the present flourishing family & afterward a second wife from N. Carolina. He has left three children by the first wife & six by the present wife & was a man of many excellent qualities. He married Widow Ruth Gardner, a Hodges, 18 January, 1759, Wid. of Israel G. He married Margaret Lochart of N. C. He had enjoyed firm health, & a most excellent constitution through life. A few months before his death he began to complain & for 17 days before he expired nothing passed through him.

30. We had with us Madam Susanna Babbidge in her ninetyeth year. She possesses great vivacity, was able to go with us to all parts of the house. She was a Becket & was born in April,

1714. She had a distinct recollection of all the first members of the 2d Church. There is one woman in the Parish, 96 & one in Town, 100 years.

31. Sunday. Notes. Margaret Allen & children, d. of her Husband. Hannah Webb & children, d. of her Son in Law Hosmer, aet. 39, who removed in 1800 to Norwich, Conn., his native place, from this town in which he married & lived several years.* In looking over my list for past years I find 18 families have removed which had been for some time resident in Salem. 6 of them have returned, & 4 heads of families, of their number have died. 10 of these heads of families were not born in Town, & 3 out of the eight belonging to town have not returned.

August 4, 1803. Was called to christen two of the children of Miles & Love Shorey. Both these persons were killed by lightning at Lynn not long since. The eldest son is to go with Mr. Shorey's Brother to Berwick & the Daughter in the charge of 3 charitable women in Boston. The youngest at the breast is not yet provided for except by relations. Mr. W. West, aet. 75 has died in town, the father of Capt. N. West. He has long been paralytic & is well known in town. Also Capt. J. Barr aged 82. A most industrious native of Britain. He has left a large family of industrious sons to continue the name. A man died suddenly named Richards, who had all the appearances of a gortier round his neck, as in Switzerland. Undoubtedly different, highly inflamed & very large. Dined with the Health Committee at the Hospital in the Neck very agreeably. No patients this year or last with fever. The building has every convenience in situation & furniture.

5. Rode to Nahant. The hot weather has driven much company to this favourite spot. Nearly 100 daily, for the warm days, have ridden down to the lower houses, besides such as went only to the Walk on the western head. We found a few invalids stationed here from the southward. Mr. Maxcy took possession of our Singing School this evening & we had a very brilliant company to receive him.

6. Mr. R. Becket is building again. He is now raising a Ship for the Crowninshields.

7. Sunday. Notes. Benjamin Chever & wife, d. of her Father Barr, aet. 82. Wid. Mary Collins, dang. sick., pr. for Sons absent. Last week I received from Dr. Morse, 50 copies of Watts' Cradle hymns in consequence of a Legacy from L. Gov. Phillips providing for the distribution of useful & pious Books, which are adapted to maintain the primitive religion of our Country.

8. In searching upon Winter Island on the east side of the Cove, which is upon Abbot's Cove between Winter Island & the neck, on the outward part was a pavement discovered by the fall-

*In the house in Pleasant Street which he built in 1795 (date on the knocker), afterwards the home of Capt. Penn Townsend and now of his grandson, Charles R. Waters.

ing of the bank. It evidently was placed on two sides of a square building, & probably covered an approach to a fish house. From its oblong & angular form, it could not have been used for the piling of fish, till it drained, as these are usually round, but probably was under cover at the sides of the building. The marks of the building remained.

12. Our Turnpike from Salem to Boston is progressing happily. We can pass over the Marshes to Chelsea. Bridges not finished. The town roads have been mended in Turnpike fashion, particularly on the western part of Essex street, and great repairs have been put near the East Meeting House. Some improvements are designed & begun in North to correspond to south fields. The spirit for improvements in roads is general & very happy for our country. The road to Cape Ann will admit of no comparison this year with any former year.

14. Sunday. The religious state of our neighbourhood is more a state of alarm than since I have known it. So many vacancies have happened together. At Danvers, Marblehead, Beverly, Lynn, Manchester, & Gloucester & Reading, that new Candidates & new Houses occasion some convulsions & threaten some revolutions. We shall notice some. The Houses in Gloucester at Squam, Sandy Bay, & old Town, are occasionally supplied, having been vacant since the American revolution. Settlements are sometimes proposed in them. In Beverly, three Houses, where formerly was only one, occasion great jealousies & competitions. The New Lights progress towards a settlement. The Baptists have a minister. In Manchester, they are divided, are small, & there are party men of clergy & laity who move the multitude of their Brethren. Mr. Popkin, formerly of Boston, is at Manchester. In Reading, they have a new Baptist Meeting formed of the uneasy people of that town, & from Lynnfield & neighbourhood, so that a speedy settlement is not expected. At Lynn, West Parish, they are not formed into parties but are approaching to a division. One party has a candidate. In Marblehead, they have settled, as they have settled. All these runners have connection with the Tabernacle so that we have an unusual number of Lectures in Salem & as great variety of preachers as was ever known. They have not been able to produce the zeal of Newbury Port, & we trust will not, as there is a greater firmness in the people.

16. Mr. Freeman with me at Boston. I put the highest value upon this man as a gentleman & a Scholar, as man of religion, with a pure life, of good opinions without obstinacy, & as the most liberal and judicious preacher of his times. He is the first example of a non resident in this Country. For he actually lives at Newton & preaches in Boston. It is true he does this in so innocent a manner, & with such attention to his charge as to leave little cause of blame in him as he there is surrounded by his friends but it is

to be feared that in America as well as elsewhere some men may imitate the worst & not best part of this conduct.

17. I went with three Crowninshield sons, George, Jacob, & Benjamin to sail in their fast sailing two Mast Boat & this was the first time that I ever was 15 miles from land. We saw a sail & made for her which drew us beyond our first intention, & we found her from Maine & a Brig lately from her voyage to Liverpool, England. They appeared surprised to find us in an open boat so far out in the Bay. The Brig was the Jane, of Bristol, Maine. We left Salem at 9 & returned at 2 in the afternoon, soon enough for dinner.

19. Mr. George Crowninshield fixed a Beacon* & stone seats upon High Hill on the hight of the Neck at the station where there have been stones for many years. James Stearns left my study last Thursday week, & has not since returned. He was seized with an Epilectic fit & his health is much impaired so that his return is improbable.

20. A preaching Quaker has visited again this town on his return homewards. A neighbour was very solicitous that I should go & hear him. I went. I found him exactly like our New England Quakers. No method, no powers of reasoning, no definitions, but sober, & pious exhortations. This friend attempted to explain revelation by the secret but active powers of the magnet & electric fluid, but the case is not similar, as a distinct[ion] is to be made between natural & supernatural agency, & we are to be shewn how we shall be able not to confound them.

21. Sunday. Note. Abigail Webb, safe delivery, Husband & Brethren at Sea. Last Sunday was a contribution for singing. It afforded us only 56 dollars, which was rather an ill boding symptom, & did not afford me much pleasure, as my expenses for the Singing are great. Dr. Stillman of Boston, was with the Baptists at Beverly this day. This man has greater pulpit talents than any man of that Communion, & with his easy address, & exemplary life has secured an unrivalled reputation in his sect, & among Christians in general. Posterity will not judge fairly of him from his pulpit publications. He is small in stature, thin in habit, easy in his manners, earnest in conversation, interesting but always remembers his functions.

23. Reports are circulated that Thomas Paine intends to visit New England. The name is enough. Every person has ideas of him. Some respect his genius & dread the man. Some reverence his political, while they hate his religious, opinions. Some love the man, but not his private manners. Indeed he has done nothing which has not extremes in it. He never appears but we love & hate him. He is as great a paradox as ever appeared in human nature.

*A favorite resort of Doctor Bentley and long known as "Bentley's Rock."

24. Dr. Kitteridge walked with me upon the neck. He is an herbist, without one idea of science in the business. He is a Surgeon but he has no names for the muscles or the bones or the Blood Vessels. He is skillful, & so have been the family. Not less than fourteen actually practice physic, & have a reputation. The Thomas K. at Andover has had a liberal education & yet still he appears more eminent where the family excell, than in any learned part of his profession. I have seen operations when I have trembled at the attempt from the ignorance of science, familiar to common Quacks. There is genius, family pride, & something else which have given them public favour & reputation for three generations. I saw the G. Father cure an eye when the Boston Physicians despaired. Most people are sure of aid, when they can obtain one of the name.

27. The turnpike from Newbury Port to Boston has actually commenced this week. It will pass within 6 miles of this Town. All these enterprises seem at present to contribute to depress Ipswich, which once was the most flourishing town in the country, but now is far behind, being in a retrograde condition. Some conversation we hear of a turnpike from Ipswich to Salem. They will think of the two roads, & must be assisted by their neighbours.

28. Sunday. This day the News reached us that Dr. David Tappan, Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge, our favorite Seminary, has breathed his last. He was a Son of the Revd. Mr. Tappan of Manchester, & was born in this neighbourhood. He was ordained in a parish of Newbury, & graduated at Cambridge in 1771. He succeeded Mr. Wigglesworth, the Son, at Cambridge & died at 51. He was heard with great attention when young. He was flowery, animated & devout. Calvinistic, & much alarmed by Illuminatism. His pulpit performances are before the public on many occasions. His manners were not easy. His gait stooping, & his conversation & appearance not impressive. His person was diminutive. He could declaim rather than reason & his prejudices would not admit a candid examination. His friends rather loved than admired him, & they loved him more from his innocence than his energy. I cannot think his talents in his professorship were as good as for the pulpit. He could persuade us to love religion, & he lived agreeably to it. But he had not that extensive reading, that powerful research, that luminous method, which give to instruction its full extent, its generous aid & its best convictions. He died on Saturday morning having been professor 10 years. He entered Feb. 1793. Our worthy but deceased friend, Dr. John Clarke of Boston, stood alone in opposing the election of Professor Tappan, tho he behaved to him with the greatest courtesy, because as an overseer of the College he thought he ought to provide a man of a more liberal mind. On the 8 instant died, aged 85, Dr. Gad Hitchcock. This worthy divine

had a firm mind which gave him a freedom of thought, & a steadiness of mind, which gave him great reputation among the most enlightened of the Clergy. He died in the 55 year of his ministry. He attended Conventions till the close of his life, & always spoke with great energy against every thing illiberal. It is to him we owe the suppression of an address to the people which would have derogated much from the character of the ministerial order. He was plain, but always with force. His occasional sermons were often printed & he may be ranked among the most useful men of his times. He lived & died in the Old Colony at Pembroke.

29. The Pleasure house lately built on the Western head of Nahant was burnt down last Saturday night. It was built by one Johnson who failed. It was opened again this year & by accident it has been destroyed. This day the examination of Salem Public Schools. It has been usual to visit the pupils at their respective School Houses. But many were neglected, & equal attention had not been paid. Addressees have been successively delivered by Messieurs Hopkins, Fisher, & Barnard, but the repetition of them in four School Houses, became burdensome, & the Clergy were not invited to relieve each other, but one was to perform through the visitation. The new Committee therefore agreed to invite all the Schools to one place, which was the Court House. From the indisposition of Dr. Prince, the address belonged to me. The services were opened by a Prayer from Mr. Hopkins. The grammar School under Mr. Parker, had become a mere reading school. Mr. Hacker at the West School produced the best writing, Mr. Gray the best reading, & Mr. Lang is the best man. The four Clergymen who were present & about as many Citizens composed the whole audience exclusively of the School Committee which consisted of four Cambridge graduates, Ezekiel Savage, Esq., Joseph Story, Esq., Joseph Sprague, junr, & Dr. Bacon, Col. Hawthorne of the Selectmen, Capt. A. Buffington, Mr. Maxey, Mr. Watson, Mr. Burrill. The numbers present upon the benches from the schools were respectively as follows.—West School under Master Hacker were 77. East School under Master Lang were 58. Centre School under Master Gray were 46. In the grammar School under Master Parker were 32, making in the whole number 213, which makes the average number 53. According to the master's books, this may be about a third of the whole number of males which is instructed in their Schools. The females may amount to about half, & probably are three hundred. The last are chiefly instructed in reading, from 11 to 12 o'clock & from 4 to 5 in the summer months & longest days.

30. It is doubtful whether life out of marriage can be continued so long as in that state. It is difficult to get an exact catalogue. The list of Batchelors is like their condition in solitary examples, yet the gazettes of this week tell us that at Weymouth

died a Maiden this week, Deliverance Bates, aet. 97 & 4 months, & at Orland, Maine, from Concord Mass., this month, Micah Davis, aet. 85.

31. This is the time appointed for the new Commencement at Cambridge. I went to Commencement. The services I did not attend, but I was informed that they were not entitled to the highest praise. The concourse was not so great as usual, & probably many ceremonies were omitted from the late bereavement of the University. The class which graduated was small in number as well as gifts. I dined with my old friend Judge Winthrop. I had the pleasure of seeing General Dusong who is from St. Domingo & is to go to the Army of France called the Army of England. I saw also an Indian Chief educated in our College. The Characters in our Neighbourhood from the Southern states did not appear at Commencement. There were no great entertainments made.

September 1, 1803. We were admitted into the Library. We found greater accessions by a late importation than had been made since the revolution, & indeed this single addition exceeded the number of volumes all the late donations. I found many valuable modern things but room enough for many excellent additions. I had an opportunity by the kindness of the Librarian for an examination of the Library. The wax work at Cambridge was of the ordinary kind & strangely placed. However, Mr. Jefferson was obliged to take his place at the head.

2. I offered my young Candidate, Benjamin Crowninshield, who after an examination with many of his division was rejected. The Tutors were before unknown to me, but were men of ordinary attainments. My boy I should prefer to any of them, in capacity, if not in actual attainments. As this was the first time in which any pupil of mine had been questioned, I should have felt more than I did, & I felt enough had I had any respect for his Judges. My connections with Cambridge cease.

3. I returned to Salem by way of Boston. In Boston, for a moment on Thursday, I went to the Historical Society Meeting & nominated Dr. Watson, Corresponding Member, then after business visited White's Book Store. On Saturday I made friendly visits to different persons & returned to Salem. The New Meeting House is finished in Brick with a Cupola & will be an excellent building.

4. Sunday. Note. Widow Martha Babbidge, for herself sick. After our long health a few cases of mortality have occurred among us & two funerals of children mark this week & day. We have news of the death of the Revd. Stephen Badger at Natick. He was 79 years of age when he died. Of the Indians over whom the Scotch Missionary Society placed him we may see what he has to say p. 32, vol. 5 of [Mass.] Historical Collections. After having

been 50 years in the ministry he has departed. Till the last, the Society for propagating the gospel in N. E. & the parts adjacent continued his support. He was an agreeable man, but not of that peculiar cast which made him attentive to the Indians. He knew Society for propagating the gospel in N.E. & the parts adjacent of their history. He was an agreeable & liberal preacher & had many qualifications for his office. The last time I conversed with him, the conversation turned upon the appointment of Bishop Bass. He observed pleasantly that the Bishop had been taken up by the Church when he had no favour from the Dissenters, & now he had taken up the Church when it had taken its turn to be a dissenter from the general worship of New England out of gratitude. Bp. Bass had not popularity as a Preacher among the Congregational Churches.

5. The new arrangement of the School examinations has been attacked & an answer published to which no answer has been made. Upon all accounts in the present state of the Schools, a general examination in the Court House seems to be preferred. The address which blamed the present order of the Grammar School, as a degradation has not been relished by the contrivers of that plan which taught the lower rather than higher branches.

8. With us, John Kunkapot a son of Sachem John & grandson of old John. He has been educated among the Moravians at Nazareth. He is modest, of a good countenance, & quite agreeable. But he is an Indian. He loves to ramble. He is now abroad without a farthing. He goes to the best public houses, puts up, when pay is asked he has none & then he calls upon the public to pay this tax for him. His father in his last visit called so often that none would pay, & he wrote me word that he was thrown into prison. I am now about to see what I can get for him. I have become bondsman for him at the Sun Tavern. John plays well upon a keyed instrument. He has some fire, with effect. But his airs are such as are quick, repeated, & best with little art in composition, & with little variation in the notes. He can repeat a strain an hour without pain, if simple, short & animating. He writes a good round hand, but spells badly. But then he was educated among Germans. He has no idea of a proper use of great letters or pauses. How far these are faults of education I know not.

9. The celebrated Charles C. Pinckney is in town with his wife, &c. He is at Gen. Derby's & with him has been riding round the Town. Some of us think of Hezekiah's showing the City to the Babylonians. He is to leave the town on the morrow. The University of Cambridge have given him a degree of Doctor of Laws, & have in the Catalogue of this year printed in GREAT LETTERS ALL JUDGES of the UNITED STATES & of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the United States. This may be deemed a compliment to the gentlemen after having failed of the privi-

leges & salaries which they have claimed from the government. The death of Judge Bradbury last week at Newbury Port, has given occasion for some reflections upon the government of the State by party, because he was not continued in pay during life after his infirmities.

10. Mr. Paine so celebrated & so opposed, was in August in Connecticut. Several of our friends found him upon his journey, & he spoke of visiting the whole of New England. It is an uncommon importance which the opposition to this man has given him in our country. Priests & Politicians rail at him, & everything he writes is read with avidity by all parties. His works are reprinted, & he is thought a dunce in politics who has not read Paine, who might without persecution be forgotten. He is a man of genius, but not of morals. Posterity will not place him so high as the gratitude of one party & the opposition of another, place him at present in America. But he is not so contemptible in his private manners as some would represent. No doubt much blame may be attached to him even by his friends.

11. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Waters & family, death of his d. Charlotte. John Barker & wife, death of his youngest child & only son. Mary Hill, d. of her husband abroad, pr. for Brn. at Sea. Elizabeth Bartlet, d. of her Son in Law Hill, pr. Sons at Sea. Robert Bartlet, d. of his Brother in Law Hill, pr. Brethren at Sea. Elizabeth Martin, d. of her Br. in Law Hill, pr. for Brethren at Sea. James Browne, her delivery, pr. for Brethren abroad. Revd. Carey, of Newburyport, who was with me Friday, Aug. 26, informed me that the Society under Bodily, since dead, had chosen his brother in law their Minister. His name is Gyles. He had letters from Dr. Toulmin to President Willard. When his settlement at Newburyport was proposed he disapproved of the Baptismal Covenant & represented to Mr. Carey that he should upon the ground of the Dissenters in England oppose it. That all Baptised persons had a right for their children by heirship. Mr. Carey was doubtful whether such an entire charge could obtain contrary to long habit, tho' not against the sentiment of the first minister of Newbury, Mr. Noyes. Mr. Gyles made it a condition, & for the first time the privilege without any objections or embarrassments obtained in New England. For tho' it obtains in our own Church, it is by indulgence, which long since might have obtained the authority of a rule. But this last has not been attempted, tho' the practice uniformly obtains.

12. News was brought this morning that Dr. Bass, Bishop &c. at Newbury Port, died last Saturday evening. I was desirous of expressing that personal respect which his virtues & hospitality required, & I went for Newbury Port, being informed that the funeral was to be this day. It was overruled but the body, tho it remained without any great change till Monday morning, exper-



Engraved from the Life.

by James Akers Newburyport

The most Noble
Tord Timothy Dexter.

'What a piece of work is Man'
how noble in reason! how infinite in faculties! in form & moving, how express & admirable

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ience rapid changes before night, which discovered the imprudence of the delay. At Ipswich I made provision for my return on Thursday morning to attend our association at Mr. Fuller's Gloucester Parish, Chebacco side. I found at Newbury Port that a strong curiosity was strongly excited to see how a dead Bishop would look in his Wig & Canonicals tho' Newbury Port had seen more such sights than any place in New England. Whitefield was buried in 1770 in the full dress of the pulpit, & not in the grave clothes so common in New England. The utmost change admitted with a Minister, is the addition of a pulpit Band, to the usual habiliments of the dead. Mr. Murray, also of the Presbyterian Church, was also buried in his black gown & Cassock & wig, to the no small entertainment of a wondering multitude in 1793. The two processions were remarkable. The first I did not see but the last was the greatest I ever beheld, not excepting the pompous procession in honour of Gen. Washington. The concourse was greater, but the Masonic procession could not compare with it. Dr. Bass was dressed in his wig, nicely prepared, but his corpulency being confined only to the chest & body did not give him that figure alive or dead, which is graceful & dignified. The state of the body was a strange affront to all the ornaments which surrounded it.

At Newbury Port I made my residence at Mr. Carey's. This good man or what remains of him, gave me much information of his deceased friend, whom he evidently preferred for the friendship of this neighborly visit, rather than upon any catholicism, or talents he possessed. We had much anecdote & conversation. Mr. Michael Walsh kindly waited upon me to see the Turnpike,* which is begun & which is to cross the Country from Newburyport to Boston. It is calculated to be 30 miles while it is 42 miles by the late road to Boston, & saves 8 miles even after the Salem Turnpike by Chelsea is established. It is said to be nigher to Salem this way. The beginning of this turnpike near Newbury requires much labour, as the unequal surface of the country is remarkable, but the soil is light, & no rocks, as in our pastures, obstruct the workmen. They had broken ground about a mile, but had finished no part of the road. It passes through Byfield parish, Newbury, New Rowley parish, Rowley, & then through Topsfield & Danvers, into Lynn. They have not determined upon the exact course. After leaving the Road we went to Timothy Dexter's Seat, formerly the Seat of Jona. Jackson, Esqr. There is no horrid violation of proportion in the distinct objects but the vast columns, the gigantic figures, the extended arches, & absurd confusion of characters, tend to convince us of the abuse of riches. The vices of the man make us turn away with disgust. The temple of reason & the elegant coffin were shewn us, after the atten-

*See Essex Institute Hist. Colls., Vol. XLII, p. 113.

dant had corrected a mistake from the absence of his recollection for a moment, in carrying to a necessary, close by, which did not very much differ in its ornaments from the Temple. Dexter was within doors drunk, having just suffered a heavy beating from his drunken son, urged on by a drunken daughter.

13. This morning I rose very early & went for the stage, which did not receive us till 7 o'clock, tho' 6 was assigned. I observed with great pleasure the late happy manner in which the streets were repaired in the fashion of the turnpikes. Tho' the general neatness of Salem did not appear as by their own confession, yet great changes had been made & more houses appeared with the ensigns of affluence & splendour. Salem cannot boast so happy a situation to display its wealth. The high Street combines every natural advantage & it was impossible to place the town so as not to be commanded by it. The Steeple of the first Church lately built, rivals anything in New England. The Churches are in high order, & well painted. The Town House is a contrast to everything neat & ornamental in the town & is totally neglected. Probably to oblige the building of a new one. At the wharves the business was brisk, but the Wharves & Stores do not indicate the strict attention these receive in Salem. More houses are probably painted in Newbury Port, but the prevalent style of buildings is more happy in Salem, even in the old houses. The double doors so common in Newburyport, are unknown in Salem, excepting only one house in the Town, belonging to English, in which they are of nobler proportions. The artificer's shops are not so well accommodated tho' evidently becoming more convenient. Their Churches are better than our own, and their site for the Town. We yield in nothing else. Talk is made of a Turnpike to Ipswich. Much may be saved. The road is laid without any regard to distance, & remains as it suited the accommodation of the first inhabitants. Zigzagging towards their little groups of houses. Much may be saved between Newbury Bridge on the Parker river & Ipswich. Ipswich continues to neglect all its mercantile advantages. Not a vessel sails to any foreign port. Not even the fishery, from which Beverly profits, is regarded. Not even the bay fishery which enriches Gloucester & Chebacco, has any encouragement in Ipswich river. Chebacco intends to gain its independence as Hamilton has done.* In Ipswich, some few persons are building, but the houses are too much neglected, & their mossy tops are more numerous than in any other part of New England. They have distinguished themselves, & they only wait for the angel of enterprise to descend into their waters, & then all will probably step in & be cured. There is a decency of character in Ipswich. And they have some of the best land in the County.

*Chebacco in 1819 became the town of Essex.

14. The Selectmen of Salem have been sued for refusing votes to Refugees. One has been excepted, who was of a more complying temper than the rest. The old quarrel too of the wharf with Crowninshield has begun again. The party ag. the administration are determined to overawe their neighbours. No means are refused to embitter.

16. The circumstance of Capt. Bradish bringing in his Vessel after she had been captured by the English & Ordered for Halifax, is a subject of congratulation. Three men took five, without arms or loss of life. There have been several instances of English plunder near our coast. There is great speculation on the subject of the Northern powers. All are uncertain what part they will act at the present crisis.

17. It is said as an article of domestic news that Capt. N. West has rescinded & had withdrawn his name from the new prosecution commenced against the Crowninshields. This will assist to develope the party spirit. The Newbury Port Turnpike goes on with spirit, & the Salem Turnpike will be ready for travellers next Thursday. Dr. Stearns who is the largest proprietor, & most active, assures me that he has not failed for a fortnight to attend upon the marshes to inspect the works. An arrival from England discovers a great solicitude to guard against French invasion.

18. Sunday. Notes. Nath. Silsbee & Mary his wife, d. of their first born Child, pr. for her recovery. Josiah Gatchell & wife, d. of their only son, pr. for friends absent. Peter Harris & wife, for her sick in the Charity House. This evening I attended the funeral of James Craig, a negro man from the neighbourhood of Philadelphia, who came in the ship Experience, Capt. Woodbury, from Amsterdam. He was drowned Monday night, supposed from his intemperance, & taken up floating in the harbour this day at noon. Dr. Bass who died last week, was born at Dorchester, 27 Nov., 1727. He went early to the College in Cambridge, & received its honours in 1744. His Doctorate came from Philadelphia towards the close of life. His contemporaries have told me that he preached some time as a Congregational candidate, but had not popular talents. As a difference had arisen between Mr. Plant & his people at Newbury Port, Mr. Bass was invited to [be] his successor, & was ordained, & preached in the New House erected in Newbury Port. The hearers were few & the living small. The Doctor had a solemnity in reading the service, rather by the depression of his voice, than by a generous articulation, he therefore succeeded better on solemn occasions, & in a small assembly. In preaching, his talents were not distinguished. He had all the prejudices of an Episcopalian, but his strength was in his silence in disputes of the Church or State. He was not a man of reading. But he had a turn for wit, which often unseasonably appeared in his sermon & often provoked a laugh,

but it had no refinement, tho' it often had a pleasantry & good humour which made it happy in conversation. He lived single, a long time, & never had any children, but he was very fond of company, & could easily make himself agreeable. He was not a man of intense study, or of much acquired knowledge. But his hospitality was memorable & his inoffensive life secured him great favours. As a Bishop he was the best man to render the office unsuspected. His person was not graceful, his corpulency did not affect his whole habit, & seemed disproportioned. He preached to the Humane Society on the Tuesday before he died & visited the sick on Thursday. The probable cause of his death was the gout in the Stomach. He had been subject to the gout several years. I confess myself much pleased with that native simplicity of manners with which he recommended himself, and still he had enough of the Bishop in him. For in his last days upon the death of one of his Parishioners he advised the family to send for the Senior Warden, a young Lawyer, &c, tho' there were Congregational ministers of his intimate acquaintance. This was unexampled in that part of the country. Brother Harris was with me yesterday. He is settled at Dorchester, & has lately been at Marietta, & is wishing to collect Books to send on to that country.

21. This day is for the ordination at Beverly. Such crowds were not interested as if it had been a parish settlement. The separation of a quiet Town is not contemplated with much pleasure. It was a little unexpected that a society whose leading man was a friend to Jefferson should be willing that the author* of the noted Jeroboam sermon should preach on the occasion. But we expect too much of men when we expect consistency & system, while so much prejudice is in the composition.

22. This day was saluted with cannon at the Bridge over the Mystic as the first day of passing the Turnpike road from Salem to Boston. The diligence & success in this work has been unparalleled, & the compensation will be sure. All the many objections have vanished, & they who attempted to discourage are surprised at the speedy accomplishment of so bold a project.

24. Twenty years since I was ordained in Salem on this day. This day the family house of Grafton,† Essex street just above Elm street, was sold for 5000 dollars at Public Vendue. Much antient furniture among which was a Couch which was bought at my request. Preparations making for the new water street from English street to Daniel street upon Becket's Obears' Dodge's, Barker's Collin's, Ingersoll's, Phippen's Palfrey's & Fogg's lots.

25. Sunday. Attended the funeral of a young man supposed to be about 28 years of age, who passed under the name of Thomas

*Rev. Dr. Emmons of Franklin, Mass.

†On the site of this house Ichabod Tucker built his brick mansion, of recent years owned by the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society.

Hughes. He was from Kent, in England, & entered with Capt. Bradish at the Havanna & died of a Consumption. Notes. Mary Hill for herself sick. Benjamin French & wife, for her dangerously sick. Benjamin Kitteridge & wife with their parents, for him sick. Last Wednesday was the Ordination of Beverly in the new Meeting House lately built in the lower parish. I was not present & no person of our association performed any part. The following is the order announced to the Publick. Joseph Emerson ordained in third Church in Beverly. He was from Framingham & has lately been a tutor at Cambridge. Revd. Mr. Kellog of Framingham prayed, Dr. Emmons of Franklin preached, Con. prayer by Mr. Spring of Newbury Port, Dr. Dana of Ipswich gave the Charge, Mr. Worcester of Salem, the Fellowship, Revd. Mr. Bayley Concluding Prayer. In the old Church an attempt was made to call Mr. Thompson, but it began in the Congregation, & the Church opposed. They have lately called Mr. Abbot, who has lately deserted his parish at Haverhill & have offered him 1300 dollars annually. I am afraid he will accept. He has been a violent Printer against Illuminati & has now in the press, Commentaries on Pentateuch, &c. Such opinionated boys may be very troublesome.

A curious specimen of Pulpit Zeal has been exhibited by a preacher of the Hopkinsian Class at Reading. His name is Peter Sanborn. Upon the death of Miles Shorey & wife lately at Lynn, by lightning, this enthusiast undertook to give his opinion & not content to represent the danger, he made a particular judgement of it too. He declared the man a Sabbath breaker, & that he was at work at his trade on the Sabbath on which he suffered. This was reported to Mrs. Breed, the mother of Shorey's wife, for tho' Shorey was not too good, this story was false. Mrs. Breed made it her business to call on Sanborn & she could out talk any man. She finally persuaded him to contradict the fact, that he had said anything implying any such charge against Shorey & wife & then she obtained vouchers for the good conduct of Shorey. Now poor Sanborn after the publication of his own declaration in the Newspaper, has to vindicate himself to his parishioners who have reported that he said what Mrs. Breed had charged to him. He will find this is a particular providence to himself before he is done with it.

27. Somerby, the Pilot, writes to me respecting Salem Harbour. He has sent me a plan, evidently an old one, to impose kindly upon me the duty of collecting all already known upon this subject.

28. This morning we have notice of a melancholy accident. W. C.* who came from Cambridge in the last war, worked diligently at his trade, & by a small shop, & small means, gained easy

*William Cook.

circumstances. Of late years he had been much addicted to intoxication & has often been found in that state in his shop. Last night he was at eleven o'clock found dead upon the floor of his shop. The physician pronounced an apoplexy & the jury brought in a verdict accordingly. It is probable that in Salem we have as few openly intemperate people as in any part of the world in the same population. But it is too frequently to be observed that the labouring part of the community have very freely towards evening indulged much beyond that temperance which leaves them calm & happy.

29. A beautiful ship was launched at Brigg's opposite Union Wharf. She is called the *Marcellus** & is about 300 tons, chiefly of spruce. Mr. Briggs has uncommon success in his launches. The Catholic Church in Boston is to be consecrated this day. The first Catholic Consecration ever known in New England. There are two Ships up in the Eastern part of the Town, & several in the vicinity, of different burdens.

October 1, 1803. A litigious law Suit between the Crowninshields & Derby's respecting claims of land & the flats upon which Union wharf is built, & that string eastward belonging to the Crowninshield firm. These parties are worse than the Harthorne & Endicotts. Some wishes expressed respecting the District Hospital, which it is hoped by some, that it might be erected in this town. By some it is thought the sum already collected is sufficient. Last Saturday Mrs. Susanna Ingersoll broke her leg upon the beach before her house at the bottom of Turner's street.

2. Sunday. Notes. B. French, death of his wife. Rebecca Cook, sudden death of her husband with her son. John Becket & wife, d. of her father Cook, pr. for Brother at Sea. Elizabeth Batchelor, d. of her Brother Cook. In Newbury Port they have originated a Charity, by an association begun by 60 persons to relieve distressed mariners. It has a large share of public favour. In this Town the Congregation under Mr. Hopkins† have purchased a lot of land, to erect a new Meeting House near to their present place of worship. It is said 90 pews are subscribed for. Mr. Fuller in giving me the families of Lynn, first Parish, as they are distributed in their respective modes of worship states that out of 440 families, 170 belong to the Methodists, 140 families to the Quakers or Friends, & 130 to the Presbyterians or Congregationalists. All the requisitions of the Methodists have been made from the Cong. by the internal troubles they have had among them by Treadwell who broke their peace, & by Parsons who divided them. The Camp Meetings as they are called, are indeed a curious article of our Church History. As we know some of the persons concerned in them, we are sure they do not assist religion

*"Asia."—Salem Gazette.

† The South Church.

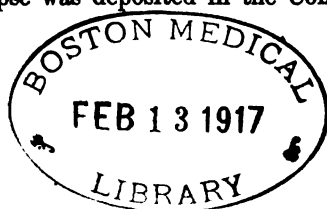
with much information. But in a thin settled Country, these meetings highly contribute to the social character especially where persons of different nations are unexpectedly assembled, & answer like the Pilgrimage to Mecca, & the journey to Jerusalem among persons of less knowledge & improvement.

3. Yesterday departed from life Samuel Adams. He graduated at Cambridge in 1740, & died aet. 81. He was very active in our revolution, was in the first Congress, was excluded with Hancock from pardon by a British Proclamation. Was afterward Governour & persevered through life in his Republican principles without any conformity to parties, influence or times. He was not a man of ready powers, but he had an impenetrable secrecy, & a great popular influence by his inflexibility & undaunted courage. No man contributed more towards our revolution, & no man left behind him less, distinctly to mark his resolutions, his peculiar genius & his communications. He was feared by his enemies, but too secret to be loved by his friends. He did not put confidence in them, while he was of importance to them. He was not known till he acted & how far he was to act was unknown. He had not entire confidence in Washington in the Army, & less confidence in the government. His correspondence with J. Adams proves that he was too much of a republican for that President. He was too independent for Hancock, as he esteemed very lightly private obligations in public character. He was reconciled, but not restored. He preserved the severity of Cato in his manners, & the dogmatism of a priest in his religious observances, for theology was not his study. Our New England Fathers was his theme, & he had their deportment, habits, & customs. Often as I have conversed with him, I saw always this part of his character zeal. He was a puritan in his manners always. In Theory he was nothing, he was all in himself. He could see far into men, but not into opinions. He could be sure of himself on all occasions, & he did more by what men thought of him, than what he discovered to them. His religion & manner were from our ancestors. His politics from two maxims, rulers should have little, the people much. The rank of rulers is from the good they do, & the difference among the people only from personal virtue. No entailments, not privileges. An open world for genius & industry. I never conversed with him as a man of Letters, but always as a man of whom I might say, all his thoughts were his own.

5. The Newbury Port Turnpike progresses. This will give energy to the projected turnpike from Portsmouth to Newbury Port. Then a turnpike will run to Ipswich, & another to Salem. Our County will be intersected with the best roads, & the whole will probably be lucrative to adventurers as we have no doubt the Salem Turnpike will be.

6. It being the day for the funeral of late Gov. Samuel Adams, I went in the Stage for Boston & for the first time passed the whole length of the Salem Turnpike. I found it in excellent order. The Hotel which [is] one of the first buildings for such a purpose is nearly finished, & receives company. It combines many advantages. The passage over the Marshes is excellent & Fox & Breed's Islands will furnish earth for ages to repair it. The road through Chelsea must secure great advantages to the Inhabitants of that lately sequestered place. It is said Dr. Dexter has been offered 1000 D. for an acre near the Bridge.

In Boston I found great progress in their new Buildings, & much ornament from the new style of their Brick Houses & Stores. I was assured upon the best authority, that Boston never knew a time of so many buildings as at present. The value of real estate is increased greatly & increases constantly. Prince street, leading to Charleston Bridge, has been paved this season. The wharves at the north end are generally repaired. The new North, now building in Brick, is in good style, nearly square, & will be a good Church. The Fore street is much benefitted by the late fire. No person could recollect the former narrow & ill built street. Salutation lane is straightened, & paved, & several cross lanes rendered convenient. At the south end there is no end to improvement. New or West Boston I could hardly recollect so many new buildings have been added in the present year. The Old Town house which is let for the Stores of Merchants is very handsomely accommodated. State street gets new glory every year. The head of Long Wharf is an ornament to the town. Proud buildings rise upon the site of the old Alms & Work house near the New Court House, & Amory's house of four stories is already finished on the exterior. After visiting White's Bookstore I went to the Thursday Lecture. It is as usual, poorly attended. Mr. Tuckerman of Chelsea gave us an ingenious discourse upon Repentance. How different the style & manner from primitive times. The whole service did not fill three quarters of an hour. After dinner I prepared to attend Mr. Adams funeral. The Town behaved respectfully. The Flags were at half mast & minute guns were fired. All the bells tolled. The Cadets & Military Officers attended the procession, the Cadets under arms, did the funeral honours. The artillery were upon the Common & fired the minute guns. The Corpse was brought from the Mansion house in Winter street & was received by the procession. The Civil Officers went first & the Officers of the Town of Boston, then the Judicial Officers, then the Clergy, then the Military Officers & then the citizens. We passed by Frog lane, & Liberty Tree into the Main street, then down on the south side of the Old Town House into State Street, & upon the north side into Court street, & then into Tremont Street, & the Corpse was deposited in the Common ground, where



old Endicott lays. No man ever had a more fixed character in politics, & while he preserved a good character, more truly kept in view the political principles he had adopted.

7. While in Boston I visited places of resort & the Churches. Mr. Emerson politely waited upon me to the New Catholic Church called the Church of the Holy Cross. Dr. Matignon was moving into the building adjoining & received us with great cordiality. The building was neat but without a profusion of ornament. The Altar not highly but handsomely decorated. The greater expences have absorbed their liberality. The Altar piece by Mr. Sargent, is one of the largest works undertaken in our country. It has undoubtedly great merit in such circumstances, but the rising breast & knees did not agree with my ideas of Anatomy, as stretching in death, especially a violent one, is proverbial, & as when the breast rises with expiring breath the extremities recede. From the Catholic Church I passed with Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Scot, a Painter, & Mr. Turell, Keeper of a Cabinet, to the Chapel. There we saw a painting of the Last Supper presented to that Church & recovered by Mr. Turell's information from the house of Mr. Vassal. It had been displayed in the Chancel of the church but was at this time under the gallery near the door. It has some excellent heads, but from all the figures I could not designate the point of time, which it was intended to seize. The three groups excluded the celebration. As the head was broken it could not be prior. John & Peter seemed designated. Peter by his noble head, coat & manner, & John by the tradition of his youth. The table was in the modern stile of ornament, & service with knives, wineglass, &c. There was much skill, but Jesus was standing with an anxious countenance, & some of the disciples were anxious too. No regard was paid to the History. To the Universal Church Mr. Turell carried me to see the painting of the Ascension. It was the first efforts of genius by youth of the Town, who by epileptic fits is now reduced to Idiotism. It has some good strokes. But the parts under the drapery are forgotten, & the drapery does not conform to them. There was a Crucifixion, & an unfinished head of Mr. Wright in the same Vestry. The Seats for the Choir of this Church are well disposed. At Mr. Scot's I saw several full lengths of Washington which pleased me, excepting the faces so different from those I saw. The little one designed when he had visited N.E. is nearest to my remembrance of him. Mr. Adams I readily knew. Several paintings of Foreigners did honour to this young painter. The Head of Dr. Lathrop was compleat. Of Mr. Murray, Universalist, not so much so. Gov. Strong too full faced. At the Court House, in the Land Office Room, I saw again the portraits of Winthrop, Endicot, & Leveret. These had been retouched, which gave them greater beauty as pictures, but not as originals. Gov. Simon Bradstreet, if this were indeed the Gov.,

was in good preservation & probably from the drapery was a Copy. Govr. Burnet is in the style of the last Century, of large wigs & flowing draperies. It was my object to introduce myself to the sixth & last in the ranges, but the first of these pictures, Old Francis Higginson, the first Minister. This picture has the only claim to be an original & it is the worst executed of the whole. Mr. Scot has promised to give me a copy of this picture of the head only. Winthrop was taken from the family picture from which my copy was taken & Endicot from the same, from which my copy was taken. Leveret is from the old governour in his advanced age, but mine from the English Original, when he was an officer under Cromwell.

In visiting the Museum I walked to my Friend Pierce. This singular man has a strange Curiosity, & it is unbounded. He deserves the credit of being the first man in Boston who ever filled a house with curiosities for which he would receive nothing, but the pleasure of exhibiting them to his friends. I found in his possession an old & a young alligator alive in his garden at this season, brought from the southern continent of America. He has added several curiosities. His birds he cannot preserve. His Indian Curiosities are numerous, especially the dresses. Many miniatures of ships, &c. decorated his house. He is a curiosity of himself. In visiting Bowen's Museum in Milk street, I found him well accomodated with everything but taste. His wooden Mammoth has the body of an Elephant, but not the trunk & foreparts. He has also something of a Menagery. Rabbits, a Turkey Buzzard, &c. The Marble Bust of Ganganelli, I had seen at Bradford's Vendue. It is equal to anything I had seen. That of Vassal at the Chapel, is the only one which is raised in Boston. In Natural history few things & no arrangement. Wax figures in abundance, & extravagance. The Paintings are in great variety & really in extremes. Several portraits are good, St. Anthony, St. John, the Monk, &c. original. The History paintings & Landscapes have some claims on attention. The elegant view of Rome borrowed of Dr. Oliver of this Town, & purchased by him from the Gardiner's estate for 9s. is beyond praise. The Busts are ordinary, but there is real amusement, especially when such places are so rare in our Country. At Turell's I see something like taste, & science, but a man impoverished by his genius & industry. He has a mean upper chamber in the wedging building between the Court & Tremont Streets. The access is difficult. The Chamber low, & arrangement impossible to display anything to meet the eye. But a rich variety well arranged for the Scholar & the Naturalist. A good beginning for the friend of Medals & Coins & a rich collection of such as regard our own Country. The specimens of minerals are valuable, especially as they relate to our own Country Tho not admitting comparison with the elegant



COLONEL TIMOTHY PICKERING.

From the engraving by H. W. Smith of the portrait by Gilbert Stuart, painted in 1808.

& choice collection sent by the French Republic to Cambridge. In the history of our Country more rich, not for the Student. The Shells are rich, especially the *Haliotis*, but the system is not complete nor the collection indigenous. Collections of Insects, but not as rich as that in Salem Museum. Collection of Reptiles, good. Of Birds & Fishes, a few & of small Animals. The Leghorn present of Tuscan figures, whimsically explained, make a prominent figure. Several works of art, & patterns of machines. A medal of Gates, I approved. The engraving I had seen & had purchased, tho I have sent it away to a friend in Europe. It is the best I have ever seen. I promised Turell to assist, from anything in my possession, his useful purpose of assisting himself by promoting good taste & useful knowledge in our Country. He recommended a new shop of prints near the old Court House opened by an Italian, lately from New York, which I did not see. This evening I returned to Salem, after usual civilities.

8. Crowninshield & Sons have two arrivals this day. An attempt was made last month to run a street from Pickering's in Broadway to Chestnut street without the privity of the Owner of the land, who was not to be informed till the plan was ready. Instantly a House was framed & in one day it was up & covered. Capt. Collins opposes the road from Crowninshield's wharf to Elvin's point or from Blaney street to Daniels street below Derby street. He has carried the matter to the Court of Sessions. The Selectmen are now enquiring for the old Causeway below Collin's Land.

9. Sunday. Notes. Abigail Knap, d. of her child, pr. for husband & friends at Sea. Wid. Mary Knap, d. of her g. child, pr. for her sons at sea. Abigail Phippen, d. of her g. child Knap, pr. for husband & son at sea. Daniel Caldwell & wife, d. of their Brother in Law at Ipswich, cons., aet. 31. Abigail Berry, d. of her Sister. Isaac Bullock, Mother aged & infirm, pr. for sons at Sea. On the last Sunday visit of Dr. Osgood of Medford, in the evening at Judge Treadwell's, Osgood was invited, & among other persons B. Goodhue, lately of U. S. Senate. Osgood asked him abruptly "Are you the man who began all the difficulty respecting Mr. Adams, our late President? I heard you was." Mr. G. was not prepared for so rude an attack & passed the evening in silence.

10. Mr. Holmes of Cambridge, who preached at Beverly yesterday, with me to get minutes to Continue Prince's Chronology, or a work of that kind. He informs me that he had actually found the MNS. of Mr. Prince in which he had entered such books as he had consulted & that the Book was now in his possession. He married a daughter of Dr. Styles, & has all his manuscripts. I found he had made but small progress in the work.

11. Our association met at Dr. Bernard's & we had a sermon by Revd. Mr. Forbes of Gloucester, the oldest member of the Asso-

ciation. He is 76 years of age, & says he is the eldest minister in the State excepting two. He went to College at 20 years of age, so that he is more advanced than several who stand before him on the Catalogue. He has a fluency, but not a correctness. He has a clear voice, but he hurries. He is not a divine, but he is solemn & successful. A young man from Mr. Worcester's family appeared for examination, but from an utter want of acquaintance we declined the service. We had an agreeable day at Dr. Bernard's. The Artillery under Arms this day in Salem.

12. The Artillery marched to Beverly from Danvers through this Town.

13. Yesterday was the review of the several companies of the Salem Regiment under their respective Captains. As the Rain continued till the middle of the afternoon much of the parade was interrupted.

14. This day was the Regimental Review. There was something military in the dress of the Cadets & Artillery, but nothing in the discipline. The militia are firm men, but their Officers have not that military spirit which gives an enthusiasm to such public amusements. It was a fine day, warm, clear, & at a time of general health. The concourse was therefore great, but without any disorderly conduct whatever. The Smelts begin to come into our harbour & are caught at the Wharves.

15. In the new road from Newbury* a part of the work for 30 feet sunk, & it required 2000 Loads of gravel to fill up the space left. A Crew left for fishing, from this town, at the Isle of Amsterdam, which is to be taken off next summer.

16. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Elizabeth Cloutman & children, d. of son, two daughters sick. Sarah Patterson, d. of youngest child, A Son sick, husb. at sea. It is said by Mr. Forbes & others that the underpinning of the New Meeting house at Sandy Bay, Cape Ann, Gloucester, is equal to any stone work in this part of the United States. Mr. Holyoke's† Music is now before the public, & he is to come into this town & teach Music for the North Society. This Collection will have a great share of the public patronage. We have an uncommon number of Schools in Salem besides the four grammar Town Schools, there is a School kept by a Mr. Knap for select families, a School by Mr. Bigelow, and schools by Messieurs Pennell, Southwick, & Dean & Browne, & a Candidate with Mr. Worcester, & by Mr. Maxey, & Mr. Towne besides many others less known & many Schools kept by females for the instruction of young ladies, among which Mrs. Higginson & daughter & Mrs. Rogers rank first.

19. The increase of Gazettes is excessive. I have several times attempted to count the whole number, but they appear & disappear

*The Newburyport and Boston Turnpike.

†Samuel Holyoke of Boxford.

& change places so often that the exact number I cannot ascertain. Tho we have not one good Magazine in America yet many publications appear under that name. That in Boston called the Weekly, I find to be a Tea table business. The Quarterly is not of great fame. The missionary magazines appear feeble in the first numbers. New York Medical Repository, & Literary review are the best periodical publications I have seen. Richards has written to me from Portsmouth about a magazine he wishes to print in that place, but it has not yet taken any form, but in the prospectus.

20. Yesterday I made the first Fire in my study for this season. Mr. Richard Derby visited me this day. He has just returned from his tour in Europe, & as he is the first who has been a native New England man that has travelled in high style since Mr. Palmer, before our revolutionary war, his tour claims more notice. He had just time to assure me that he & his beautiful wife had most perfect health through the whole tour. He was introduced with his lady in due form to their Britannic Majesties. In France he was introduced to Bonaparte, who politely saluted Mrs. Derby, as we hear. He passed through Holland, upon the Rhine by Dusseldorf to Basle & on to Italy. In Rome he had the honour of visiting his holiness, who also in his gardens gave his benediction to Mrs. Derby. He has lately arrived at Boston. He tells me that he has brought the Busts, antiques, in Plaster of Paris, with a full sized Appollo Bellvedere, & a Venus de Medicis. What books he had brought I could not learn, but as he did not study Italian, he thinks Mrs. Derby has brought the Opere di Metastasio.

21. One of our Vessels is gone on to take the Crew left on the Island of Amsterdam last season for the fishery. She was to have returned from the Isle of France but upon selling the Vessel, the Master returned to America, & has now gone out to finish his voyage.

22. Bishop Carrol of Maryland is in town this morning. He has been into Maine to visit a Catholic Congregation on the Kennebec. He was accompanied with Mr. Chevrus of Boston & the Revd. Mr. Romagne from Maine. The Bishop is a fine man at 68 years of age. Speaks freely. Converses on all subjects as a man of literature. He came into town late last evening. Mr. Chevrus gave me notice this morning. We conversed upon various topics & Mr. Romagne informed us of his greater success with the Dam[ar]iscotta than Penobscot Indians. The Bp. visited our Museum, & was pleased with its progress. He was determined to reach Boston this morning.

23. Sunday. Died in Salem this day, suddenly, but after long debility, Edward Norris, Esqr. He was for a long time a School-master in this Town & for several years past has been Town Clerk,

& Notary Public. He was inoffensive in his manners, rather superstitious, & enthusiastic but his life agreed with his Orthodox notions. He was not a man of a strong but of an honest mind, & was much esteemed.

24. Jacob Kitteridge of Brookfield, gave me a certificate with which I might appear before the Supreme Judicial Court this week to prove that I was unfit for attendance at Ipswich. The bones of some Indians have been lately discovered in Buffum's field in the North fields of this town. Mr. Higginson mentions a tradition of Indians being in that field. This may in some measure assist to fix their situation.

25. The business of the Court in this town may be reckoned extraordinary. The Selectmen are sued for refusing votes to Absentees. They are sued for the laying out of a new water road below Derby street at the Court of Sessions. The Crowninshields are sued again for their wharf, & I am to have a part & answer to my name for not appearing in evidence against my parishioner. All these suits are solely from a persecuting party spirit.

26. A singular affair has happened in the family of the eldest d. of E. H. D.,* deceased. After a long quarrel she† has left her husband & has taken up lodgings in town, & has become the "make game of the public spleen." This interests the pride of a very haughty family. It is now apparent that Timothy Dexter of N.P. is not the only example of riches without honour.

29. This day at Barker's yard between Becket & Turners Street, was launched a fine Ship belonging to Capt. Joseph White. The Company of Builders, Barker, Magoons, &c. are active young men. This is the first large Ship they have launched. She went off beautifully. This day a New Town Clerk was chosen. The Candidates were Richard Ward, & Tucker, Clerk of the Common Pleas Court. The prejudices against the former from his past conduct as a Magistrate gave the majority to Mr. Tucker who has not been one year in Town, & came to succeed Mr. Bancroft the former Clerk, who has taken a voyage abroad for his health. Mr. Western had two children buried this evening, fine children.

30. Sunday. Notes. Nathaniel Weston & wife & Children, d. of two children. William Peele & wife & children, d. of two g. children, Peele & Millet, friends at Sea. Benjamin Millet & wife, d. of eldest daughter, pr. for friends at Sea. Sarah Millet, d. of her g. daughter, pr. for sons at Sea. Hannah Peele & children, d. of her youngest son, pr. for husband & friends at sea. The Tabernacle Society in this Town feel sufficiently encouraged to undertake to paint their Meeting House. A little expense upon the Columns which support the galleries & roofs would have added greatly to the appearance of this House which is the largest &

*Elias Haaket Derby.

†Elizabeth, wife of Capt. Nathaniel West.

best constructed in Salem. The Land at the Corner of Cambridge & Chestnut street has been purchased to erect a new House of Worship* for the Independants under Mr. Hopkins, but nothing more is done at present.

November 1, 1803. This day the news was brought from Cape Ann that my worthy friend Capt. Edward Gibaut was dead, & All Saints day he has often mentioned as his birthday. So that he has completed 75 years. He was born in the Island of Jersey, & was bound an Apprentice to Capt. John Crowninshield the Father of the present G. C., & lived in the house near Union Street in Essex Street which I inhabit. He followed the Seas & married Sarah, the daughter of his Master. He has left one Child, a Son, with whom he lived, John Gibaut, the Collector at Cape Ann. He married soon after his wife's decease in 1795 & he married Mary Whittemore, a Widow, who had been brought up in his family, & was sincerely attached to him. He was a man of great integrity, & his wife a woman of great benevolence & to his family which I daily visited, I am under the greatest obligations for the most friendly & constant services.

3. Went to Cape Ann to attend the funeral of my friend Capt. Edward Gibaut, & was accompanied by Capt. Stone's amiable daughter Nancy. We reached the House at Noon, & the hours between our arrival & the funeral afforded me another opportunity to mount Pole's Hill, & enjoy in the finest air the extensive prospect it afforded. I had several walks. It was my friend's wish that I should perform the funeral prayer at his interment. It was above a mile to the grave yard, & the old parish & Harbour parish still hold one ground which lays northward of the road. The inhabitants carry the dead for each other & have not regular porters. After the return of the funeral I went to the Tyrian Lodge, by invitation as this evening had been appointed for the reception of the District Grand Master Mr. Gage. About 20 were present. The Lodge is opened at Low's publick House. This Lodge has a dispute about their rank in which they are strenuous. Under St. Andrew's Charter, belonging to G. M. Warren, they are called No. 1, & so they are upon Certificate plates cut by G. M. Revere. In the diplomas of the new establishment they are called No. 5. The cause is from the Junction as the English St. Johns Lodge reckons from 1733 & the Scotch Lodge from 1752. They have not adopted the new regulations, & Marblehead had never heard of them. Yet we were assured that all the Lodges had accepted them. My old friend Charles R. behaved as some men always behave. We had an elegant supper at Low's of which the Brethren partook. After 10 I went with the District G. M. & the Master of the Lodge, Captain Beach, to his house, where I was kindly received & where I lodged.

*The South Church, destroyed in 1903 by fire.

4. In the morning after breakfast at Capt. Beach's & a view of his elegant house which he is painting with his own hands, I went & received my charge at Mrs. Plummer's & returned to Salem. This was the day assigned to give me a hearing in the Supreme Judicial Court upon the subject of my Contempt of Court, in not appearing upon summons in the Case of Commonwealth versus Carlton. By a Letter from Mr. Farley I endeavoured to make it appear that I had provided Lodgings in Ipswich. From a Certificate addressed to the Court, I did shew that Dr. Kitteridge the father of the Doctor who gave me the first Certificate, did attend me on 7 May, & that I had been under the care of his Son from Ap. 15. From my minutes I made it appear that on Ap. 10 prayers were asked for some bereaved orphans, & that after repeated engagements, I ventured in a chaise to see them on April 20. I then delivered in the minutes, & the account of the places I visited during the sitting of the court. After an oath & a written declaration, I was dismissed. I do not know that I have any reason to blame Judge Sedgwick. Thacher & Sewall were on the bench at Ipswich, they must account with the public. The Attorney or Solicitor General shewed sufficient willingness to go with all his evidences, but no evidences were examined. Hutson, the Sheriff, did all his duty with tenderness. My principal parishioners attended, & in the multitude I was assured I had some friends. The Solicitor General is one Davis, entirely unknown to me. They now have it under my hand that I intended no contempt of Court.

6. Sunday. Note. Mary Elkins, d. of her Brother in Law Capt. Edw. Gibaut, aet. 75.

Written at Newbury Port the day the Bishop Bass was taken ill.

An Anticipated Epitaph.

Here lies a good Bishop,
 Who Scripture could dish up,
 And honest, good Churchmen could please.
 His humour & jokes,
 Pleas'd all kinds of folks,
 His life was a pattern of ease.
 At draughts, chequers, dice,
 In three he'd beat twice.
 A whiff of Tobacco between.
 Death came at a stride,
 The Bishop replied
 Hem—Hem—! Then at last you are seen!
 I covet no tythe
 My age is full ripe!
 Then lay by your Scythe,
 I give up my—pipe!

8. It is surprising that the enemies of Mr. Crowninshield should envy his appointment* when they have only Pickman & Derby to propose for their highest state offices. The Gazette abuse is ceaseless. Gen. Derby faulted my prayer at Capt. Gibaut because I mentioned that Riches take to themselves wings & fly away. "I certainly meant him." This is as arch as his eldest sister who belonged to an association which agreed to print the names alphabetically, but complained that her name was at the bottom tho' it began with a W.†

10. Gave Mr. Maxey an inscription for Capt. Gibaut's grave stone. The white marble which has been within a few months introduced for gravestones in this quarter, are one third dearer than the usual slate being as 18 dollars to 12 for common forms. This practice of erecting gravestones was less frequent in Salem than in Boston. Very few were erected in the first hundred years after the settlement, & the number never was large till a Stone Cutter lived in the Town. So that most of the Stones are of later dates, the greater half within 30 years.

13. Sunday. Notes. Margaret Strout, d. of her child, pr. for husband & son at sea. Wid. Elizabeth Battoon, d. of her g. child Strout, pr. for children absent. Mansfield Burrill & wife, d. of his youngest child, pr. for friends abroad.

14. Wishing to furnish something for Capt. Gibaut's tomb, I thought of the three initial Letters of his home, St. Lawrence Parish, Jersey. S. sanctie, L. Laurentiae, C. Caesaream apud Insulam. I then added as an inscription "Pro Lignis Herba." These are the words of Camden describing the want of wood, & the supply of wrack from the shore, which weed is good for firing, & for a clear fire preferred from the salts. It applies to our friend variously. From living in ships, he retired to cultivating the earth. From living in a woody country he came to an island without wood & covered with uraic, which might assist the ground or the hearth. From the old tree, he was transplanted to begin a new race in America. And in old age he returned to a country like his own. Like his Patron saint, he died soon after his re-establishment, but as St. Paul says of the Christian, "It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body." The seed is transplanted. If we might moralize we might say we have his salts to brighten our fires after the death of our friend. Busy imagination may find other reasons for a devise in honour of so good a man. A long acquaintance has assured me of a persevering goodness, which I may not expect to find again in so many circumstances of endearment & of actual service. What can we do, when baptised for the dead?

15. Capt. Carnes, just arrived from Sumatra, furnished me the

*Jacob Crowninshield was elected to Congress this year.

†Elizabeth, who married Capt. Nathaniel West.

following account of the pepper trade.* I transcribe his account. American & English Ships loaded with Pepper this season on the W. Coast of Sumatra. Captains & Ships names from whence & at what ports loaded, from 1 March, 1803 to 14 May, 1803.

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| Annalabo. Capt. Russel of Salem, Brig, | 2000 | piculs |
| Soosoo. Ship from Philadelphia, name unknown | 3200 | |
| Ship from New York, name unknown, | 3250 | |
| Capt. Thomas of Boston, Ship Spartan, | 3400 | 11850 |
| Mungin. Capt. Ward Salem, Ship Minerva, | 2000 | |
| Capt. Gilchrist Salem, Brig Pompey, | 2700 | 4700 |
| Laboanaja. Capt. Ingersoll Boston, Ship Perseverance, | | 4200 |

Capt. Godshall, Brig St. John, Salem, not seaworthy,

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| Brig Peacock sold at Soosoo, of Boston, | | |
| Mecka. Capt. Endicott Salem, Ship Cincinnatus, | 3200 | |
| Capt. Hutchins Boston, Ship Osepee, | 1650 | |
| Capt. Silsbee, Boston, Ship Levant, | 3700 | |
| Capt. Skerry, Salem, Ship Bellisarius, | 2500 | |
| Capt. Carnes, Salem, Ship Concord, | 2200 | 13250 |

Telloopoo. Capt. Barton, Salem, Ship John, 2800

Notes May 14, 1803, 13 Ships & Brigs ready to sail & sailed, for Europe & America with Pepper.

Piculs, 36800, lb., 4,906,666 2-3.

Americans partly loaded, probably will sail in a Month.

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| Labonaja. Capt. Stanwood, Boston, Ship Astrea, | 4200 | |
| Mecka. Capt. Ferrier, N. York, Ship Huron, | 3200 | |
| Soosoo. Capt. Bryant, Salem, Brig Washington, | 2600 | |
| Capt. Bowditch, Salem, Ship Putnam, | 3200 | |

Polo Dua. Capt. Moland, Boston, Gov. Strong, 4200 17500

In all 54,300 piculs & equal to 7,240,000 lb. Two ships belonging to Philadelphia taken, the Harmony in Sept. off Padang, west coast of Sumatra, & sent to Malbroa, from thence to Madras for trial. The Country Ship Courtier, Capt. Aiken was taken up by the Commissioner of Malbroa, & armed. Capt. Cox with a company of Seapoys, & a Mr. Gerrett to negotiate business among the Malays & sent northward & in search of the Ship Eclipse of Philadelphia, & fell in with her off Annalabo, & took her & sent her to Malbroa, where she now lays in Pulo Bay, condemned, not seaworthy, rotten.

Country ships loaded with Pepper:—

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| Soosoo. Bengal, 2 ships, names unknown, | 5200 |
| Telloopoo. Capt. Hunter, | 1500 |
| 1 Ship, name unknown, | 1200 |
| Capt. Aiken, Courtier, | 1500 |

*In 1793, Capt. Jonathan Carnes discovered that pepper grew wild on the coast of Sumatra and keeping the secret made a fortune for his owners. See Osgood and Batchelder, Hist. Sketch of Salem, page 151.

Mungin. Capt. Scott,

1600 11,100

Crafts belonging to the Notall & Malbroa may collect 3,000 piculs.

Total American, Piculs, 54,300; lbs, 7,240,000.

Ships & Crafts English, 14,100; lbs, 1,800,000.

Total of each, 68,400; lbs. 9,040,000.

Remains to be shipped for different persons 2100 & the calculation is for 72,000 piculs.

16. Mrs. Catherine Pyncheon who died last Saturday, was of the family of Sewall, & relict of late W. Pyncheon, Attorney in temper, & excellent company. A cloud rested upon her last days, but her friends did not forget her worth.

17. This day it began to rain in the morning & continued without ceasing throughout the day, but in the night the rain was excessive. A correct observer reported to me that in the 24 hours five inches fell of which 4 inches fell in the night. I never saw the ponds fuller & damage was done on the turnpike by the sudden rise of the waters. On the neck all was over flowing. The waters crossed at Allen's farm as far as the Cat Cove excepting only the sand bank. The waters collected within his causeway upon Abbot's cove, so as to overflow it & the pond near the house united with low ground which lays between the pond [&] the hill, over which we pass to the Causeway. Indeed every hollow was filled, & the road at the bridge going on to the neck was under water. We have heard of several losses on the Coast. A little snow fell, but not much. We now have in full the Indian sign of winter, the ponds are now certainly full.

20. Sunday. Notes. Widow Mary Preston, d. of her Sister White, pr. for herself sick & weak, & for son at Sea. Joshua French & wife, d. of her Sister Richards, set. 45, family Trask of Marblehead. Several books on Church Music with Tunes have been lately published & Mr. Holyoke assures me that the number of Composers is greatly increased & many have come to his knowledge since his last communication. He assures he has lately been upon a Musical tour in Connecticut & he declares [to] me that instead of finding them much before us in the Musical Sciences he finds them very much behind us, even in our former state. His late Collection which is absurdly clogged with a great mass of hymns, is the most choice collection in our Country & must surely contribute to correct our vitiated taste. The most popular Books are Village Harmony, 8th ed., late ed. of Worcester collection, besides such as Kimball, Holden & Holyoke have published.

22. A Letter ready to send to Capt. Bernard Green of Malden, who married a daughter of my Colleague Pastor, Revd. James Diman, to know upon what terms the heirs of R. Diman would dispose of 25 feet of land south of the Meeting House for the use of the Proprietors of the East Meeting House. This letter was

written by the direction of Capt. Benjamin Hodges who instructed me to write in behalf of the Committee. We have long talked of enlarging the Meeting House, but have no land, should we ever be disposed to execute such a design.

23. Died in this town Capt. Jonathan Haraden, act. 60. He was one of our most intrepid Commanders in the Revolution. He was an accomplished gentleman, of cool temper, of generous courage, & a most successful Officer in all his engagements at Sea. No man had a higher reputation, or could have greater favour among all who were under him. After the war his health failed, & his circumstances were narrow, & he finally died after a very lingering sickness of a Consumption. He owned the Rope walk in Brown street near the New Burying Ground. His second wife was a daughter of Revd. James Diman of this town. His present wife was not of Salem. He has left two daughters, & a good name behind him. He was from Gloucester.

25. The Newbury Turnpike is in considerable forwardness & is pursued with spirit. The Shares in Essex Turnpike which cost 140 D. sell already with 20 Dollars advance. A new survey had been taken of the old road from Newbury to Salem through Ipswich, & it is expected that a lower Turnpike will be attempted. The proprietors of Essex Bridge as well as of the Turnpike from Salem to Boston, feel interested in it.

26. Building never was more brisk in Boston than in the past year. Crowninshield's new wharf in this town is now filled with shipping. It has succeeded much beyond any calculation, & promises great advantages to that part of the Town. Col. Harthorne has secured the neck from point of rocks to the south western head.

28. Sunday. Notes Daniel Bray on death of his Father John Bray. Benja Webb & wife, d. of her Father Bray, pr. for Brethren at Sea. Benja Bray & wife, d. of his G. F. Bray, pr. for a Brother at Sea. John Hill & wife, d. of their youngest daughter, pr. for a Son at Sea. William Browne & wife, d. of his g. d. Hill, pr. for g. sons & friends at sea. Barnabas Herrick & wife, d. of his Brother in Law, Capt. Whitteridge at Beverly. John Allen & wife, d. of his father Capt. Edward Allen, & p. for his Brethren at Sea.

29. Last night we had an alarm of fire at Beverly. It was in a large old house between the Lower Meeting House, & the New Meeting House lately erected. Several families lived in it. It was entirely consumed. The last fire of which I have any knowledge which consumed a dwelling House was above twenty years ago. It was not far from this time, upon the Common & the house belonged to the heirs of Revd. Blowers, a former minister of the place. The people of Salem were very active but not in season to do much service. The night was clear & calm, & no danger to the nearest buildings. The house burnt last night belonged to one Stone.

December 1, 1803. This day was assigned for our Annual Thanksgiving in Massachusetts. We had excellent weather for the market. But the morning was very rainy, so that few persons could get out after public worship. The Contribution suffered. 118 Dollars were collected but some circumstances concurred to make us expect much more. Mr. Breed from Nahant furnished us with excellent Turkeys, the best raised in our country which I have ever seen, from 14 to 20 pounds. All his poultry excellent.

3. I was not able to examine the Indian Burying Ground lately opened in Northfields. It is upon the right hand entering the new road which passes at a quarter of a mile to the westward going to Frye's Mills. It was in the second lot beyond the house lots on the Northfield street, & the land belongs to one Buffum. He was removing the mole into the low grounds. Capt. Foster who examined the bones, says that they were not stretched out as in a laying posture, but together which agrees with my discoveries in other places. They were not deep in the ground. Many of the bones were sound. One skull bone was thick, with all the teeth, & the proportions of a large man. I am promised to be led into further discoveries. Mr. Higginson intimates that Indians visited Northfields after the planters came.

4. Sunday. Notes. Widow Sarah Knight, d. of g. child, pr. for Son at Sea. James Carroll & wife & children, d. of youngest daughter, pr. for their brethren & friends at sea. Mary Babbidge, d. of her youngest child, pr. for her husband & brethren at Sea. The ordination is appointed at Beverly for the first Church. The invitation to our Church was read this day. Twenty Churches are invited, the Essex Salem Association, but not the ministers near Haverhill. In Beverly, the second Church in the Upper Parish under Mr. Dow, but not the lately formed Church under Mr. Emerson. The ministers of Salem belonging to the three associated Churches only.

5. By an accident from an aged Madam of the Becket family, now 90 years of age, I have obtained the following history of the family. The Ancestor came early to America & lived to a good age & was a Ship Carpenter in which employment the family have continued till the present generation. Upon his decease, his Widow married P. Cromwell who addressed her before her first marriage, & she died above ninety years of age. The Son of the primitive Settler, from whom she is descended, died at 79 years of age at about 1722. His Son died about 1770 at 75, & John the Brother of the informant, & son of the former died about 20 years ago nearly 70. She was born in 1714. The family hold their first possessions. The substance is accurate. Mrs. Swasey, now 97, was a Diman, her G. father from Marblehead. Her g. parents & parents died in Salem.

7. The consent of Mr. Adams in the Senate to the proposed

amendment of the Constitution respecting tickets for President, proves that Mr. Pickering will not act in consent with Mr. Adams, or the latter with the enemy of his father. Such separations discover the weakness of a party.

9. Capt. C. in our part of the Town, strenuously opposes the passage of the new road from Crowninshield's wharf by the Shore. He says his two lots are worth a thousand dollars each. If so, the inquiry is where are the town ferry ways which these lots include.

12. Looking for facts relative to the Ferries for the Selectmen. The first was from Darbie's Fort, Woodberry's Head that now is, to Butt point, & north point of Salem. By the facts it appears that this ferry was established in 1637, but as the settlements progressed upon the river the North or Beverly came more in use, & was finally established in 1653. But then it had no road but upon the shore for some time afterwards, & this road was repeatedly altered as will appear at the respective dates. Afterwards the ferry called South ferry across Salem Harbour, that now is, to Marblehead. But this was little used till after 1700. As there was a mile [walk] for foot passengers from Naugus, & the roads very bad, even now. Most who went by water passed in their own boats round the point into the harbour & landed in the Town. This ferry was rented by the town for a small sum. At first the road to Marblehead was by the pastures over Holmes' neck. It afterwards was by the mills over the South river, & finally shortened still more by the mills over Forest River. Mr. Derby has within a few years straightened the mile from the Mill hill towards Forest river. In landing at Butt point in the North point ferry, they landed, at the Bar now so called, a point dry at half tide at the present time, but enlarg'd many acres since my day. At the settlement the Hospital point went with upland to this Butt point. The road after landing is now distinctly to be seen just above Spring cove. In the first settling of the country, Ram Horn rock was united to the Bar, & Lobster Rocks was the point on Salem side of the ferry landing. They passed upon a plank at high tide at Northfield bridge as they who were of the greatest veracity assure me, & actually did it daily. On the neck, before Capt. Derby diked Ives' new purchase there was no passing downwards but at the edge of the Cove at the Bar, there being deep holes always clayey & commonly full of water. Something of its character is now to be seen.

14. The Installation of Mr. A. Abbot at Beverly. From the foul weather not many of the distant friends, &c. attended. The House was full but the assembly not brilliant. Nothing remarkable was to be observed in any of the services. The dinner was in an unfinished house not far from the Meeting House. I was not in season to go into the Council. No difficulties arose, & the day passed quietly away.

15. Capt. Bullock, who arrived in the Ship Java from Isle of Bourbon, performed a very successful voyage to that Island in the Eastern seas in six months & 10 days with great health & safety. Mr. Silsbee* who was buried this day, bore his age very well. Was a very singular man, & yet as inoffensive in society as could be with his numerous eccentricities.

16. Visited the Ship Yards with my friend Capt. Knapp of Newbury Port. Several thefts have lately been committed in the interior & several robberies in the neighbourhood of Boston. No discoveries have been made by which it can be ascertained by whom committed.

17. An examination this day of witnesses that Mr. Gardner & Kilham were actually in Nova Scotia when Independence was declared & therefore that the Selectmen were to be justified in refusing to them a vote in the Town as aliens according to Law.

18. Sunday. Notes. Martha Silsbee & children, death of her husband S. Silsbee, pr. for relatives at Sea. Paul Carter, d. of his Mother.

23. This evening we were alarmed by the cry of fire. It proved to be in a Schooner belonging to Marblehead which had lately arrived from her fare, & had come round the point into Salem harbour to winter with her fish in her hold. By timely exertions the damage proved much less than was at first expected.

24. Yesterday was buried in this Town, Major Samuel Epes, aet. 56. He was a grandson of Daniel Epes, who graduated at Cambridge in 1669, & continued a Schoolmaster in Salem till 1698. Was a Magistrate & afterwards seven years in the Council of the Colony. He died in 1722, aet. 73. Daniel Epes brother of Samuel, died long since. He was educated at Cambridge & had his first degree in 1758. Samuel, the last of the name of that second generation from the Patriot, possessed a very handsome landed interest in Danvers, the same estate which now makes such an appearance under the name of the Derby gardens & barns. The house is the same the Major possessed. The Major without much economy, & less judgment in his affairs, sold his estate to Mr. Derby for paper money at the time of the most rapid depreciation, & actually trifled the whole away. He afterwards set up Bellowsmaking, or as a discreet female neighbour said, would fetch water for all the neighbours whenever they washed. He died in an hired house in Federal street. He was in the service of his Country in the fight at Lexington, & discovered no want of courage. He went on with better speed than the Salem Colonel.

25. Sunday. Contrary to the predictions of many who wished to enlist religious among political prejudices, never has there been greater religious convulsions in the public mind since the revolution. The methodists by their manner of supplying preachers

*Samuel Silsbee, sen.

have had great advantages in our new settlements. The reaction has been great, & the news of success has been very influential on our oldest settlements. The active part the regular clergy have taken with the opposition of the present administration, has thrown all the discontented into the sect of the Baptists, who have been by law exempted from taxes. The introduction of laymen, as they are called, or zealous persons without a public or regular education, has much contributed to inflame zeal & everywhere we find convulsions, seperations, zeal & spiritual gifts celebrated. The spirit has reached Salem. This day a Mr. Farrington, a Carpenter, opens a small house, & is to receive a small salary for his public services, & he follows his occupation in the week. One circumstance has accelerated this work in Salem. Mr. Spaulding, lately dismissed from the Tabernacle for his ecclesiastical tyranny, was a great friend of civil Liberty. He thought that the Churches should make their own constitution was enough, they had no right to change them afterwards. The popular notions of liberty did not suit the spirits which he had trained up to the public exercises of their gifts, & both parted upon extremes. To supply his place, was appointed the successor who had been tossed on the sea of confusion & fanatcism in Fitchburg, & who had no present disposition to oppose the privileges of the church tho' he was a warm party man in the State. As his congregation was very large, to secure a political influence many of the rich shewed him great favour & the people who had no conception of their policy turned all this support in favour of their fanaticism, & it has already risen to a height which I have never known in my life. I am not angry when the wind blows. This spirit is awakened by the Baptists in Boston, Portsmouth & Beverly, & by the Hopkinsians so called in Salem, & the Scotch Calvinists in Newbury Port, which has had several imported Preachers, of great zeal & apparently of great success. In the harbour of Newbury Port, mouth of the Merrimac, were last week, 9 Ships, 31 Brigs, 30 Sch., & 16 Sloops.

27. This day was our masonic celebration of the feast of St. John. The Brethren generally assembled, I gave them an extemporaneous address, & we dined lovingly at Gen. Abbot's Hall. The Contribution for the Poor was 42 Dollars. After dinner I attended the funeral of a James McDonald. He died & was buried from Mrs. Benson's, between Liberty & Water street. I could learn at the time nothing of his history distinctly.

28. Last Sunday night the store of Capt. G. Crowninshield on the new Wharf was broken open & a bag containing 600 new Cents was stolen. An advertisement offering 20 Dollars was up but the Negroes, the offenders, were detected on Monday night by the Town Watch. The Negro proves to be Mumford's negro whom I lately married. These fellows are carried on to Ipswich

for trial this term. The Watch complain of Negroes upon the streets at all hours of the night. The bag & greater part of the Cents have been recovered. The Town is now in agitation about Marlborough street. Another Town meeting is to be held respecting the widening it. The neighbours have engaged in a warm quarrel, but there seems to be nothing unreasonable in opening the Street.

30. Capt. G. Crowninshield applied for aid & direction in the distribution of his annual donation of wood to the poor. I enclosed to him the Accounts of the Committee & represented that I believed that as impartial & charitable a guide as could be given him. After all our care & pains for Brother G. R. we could not keep his Brother D. from confinement in the workhouse.

January 1, 1804. Sunday. Note. Samuel Tibbits & wife, her sick. We are now in Salem experiencing religious convulsions. The ignorant zeal of Mr. Spaulding, an illiterate man, had involved the Tabernacle in many difficulties. Many had attempted to exhort in a little building erected for the purpose. Many to examine candidates for Church fellowship & finally the Brethren admitted Members without their Pastor, & a controversy began. To explain what was never understood, & to expose a controversy in which the parties contradicted themselves, is in vain. Last year there was a Council, & Spaulding was dismissed. His opposers have chosen a Mr. Worcester, a rejected Minister of Fitchburg. His friends separated & united to the Church in Rowley, as under the late Mr. Bradford of the first Church in Rowley. Spaulding had been encouraged to preach. Their opposers last week had a Council. They had erected a small house of worship below Marlborough street towards North River. The Council did not agree, but the majority consented to form a Church. A Mr. Farrington, a Carpenter, wished to be ordained, but nothing was done by the Council. He has agreed to supply with public teaching till some new orders are given & is to receive 200 Dollars. He is not to administer Baptism or the Communion. In consequence of this popular commotion the Baptists are attempting to enter this Town. A Mr. Williams of Beverly, came over with a Mulatto, who preached in the Hall called Washington Hall, where the Theatrical exhibitions are commonly held. This mulatto had his friends & we are to expect many experiments of the temper of this people, who are not generally well informed. The age & ill health of Mr. Daniel Hopkins must necessarily withdraw much of that popularity which is not due to his study, or talents, but to his extemporary evaporations. The History of Church quarrels never seriously began in Salem till Nicholet's* time in 1676. The Court opposition to Williams united the people. Nicholet's dispute was partial

*Rev. Charles Nicholet, pastor of the First Church, 1672-1676.

in its origin & it has never ceased from its pernicious effects. In sixteen years the witchcraft followed it, in 16 more long disputes of seperation began & Curwin preached 5 years before settlement. In 16 more Mr. Fiske's controversy began & the troubles lasted half a Century. The divisions, which introduced Whitaker, had disputes with that unhappy man. The zeal for Spaulding evaporated in 18 years, & now we have confusion, nonsense, censure, & stupidity. Spaulding was ordained in 1785 & left Salem in 1803.

4. This day is the Annual Meeting of the East India Marine Society. As the Clergy attend in turn, this day afforded me an opportunity to enjoy the day with them. After business & before dinner they moved in procession, but the ice limited the distance. Each of the brethren bore some Indian curiosity & the palanquin was borne by the negroes dressed nearly in the Indian manner. A person dressed in Chinese habits & mask passed in front. The crowd of spectators was great. Several gentlemen were invited to dine. The toasts were of the moment, & without any offence. The dinner was rich & elegant. The company very seasonably retired & all was quiet before four o'clock. The Instrumental Music was provided in Town, for the first time & consisted of the Bass Drum, Bassoon, Clarinet & flute, & was very acceptable. There was no singing. Application was made for subscription to an American Edition of Anderson on Commerce, with a Supplement on American Commerce. The work is to be in Eight Volumes 8vo. at 22 dollars. Many persons had subscribed before, as the patrons were Cushing & Appleton. There is most happy arrangement to deliver all the papers of this Company to Mr. Nathaniel Bowditch lately returned from a Voyage to India that they may be prepared for the public Inspection. Capt. B. Hodges, Master.

6. Some little change has taken place in the appointments of Weighers & Gaugers. Mr. S. Ropes has been dismissed & Mr. James Brown has been added to the list. These are commonly party matters. A Ship has lately launched at Frye's Mills, North River. The Organ Builder of New York has given notice of his arrival at Boston & has offered his services to the public. Mr. Corné continues to enjoy his reputation as a painter of Ships. In every house we see the ships of our harbour delineated for those who have navigated them. Painting before unknown, in its first efforts, is now common among our children.

7. The sleighing begins to be good, but the season mild. Reports from the interior are favourable to the sleighing. Buried from the Charity House, Rebecca Duncan, a person of colour, who supplied us every season with the wild herbs used in our families. She did not belong in our part of the Town. We have the news of the death of Capt. Enoch Swett. He came to Salem

several years ago, & was promoted to the command of a Ship, but was obliged to leave the Sea in consequence of a most violent eruption which covered particularly his face. As soon as he was able he went to sea again & upon his return died. He married Fanny Williams of our neighbourhood, but left no children. He was a good seaman, of good person & good abilities & a gentleman in his manners. Athletic, & had a good share of esteem in social life. A Mrs. Glover has died in Daniel's street below Derby street. She had lately removed with her husband into Salem. She was born in Manchester & her body was removed to Manchester for burial.

11. This was a sorrowful day to us. Mr. James Tytler who came from Ireland to this country, having passed to that country from Scotland, had taken up his abode in this town upon that part of it called our neck, first in the barracks of the new fort on the height of land, & afterwards upon Cat Cove directly within Neck Gate. In this situation he continued his practical Chymistry & printed several works, occasionally aiding the Register, &c. He had engaged with McAnulty & Nancrede to compile a Universal geography which he had nearly finished. In this retired, obscure, & destitute state, dependant on a few friends, & with little intercourse with the world, he passed as an inoffensive man, rather pitied, than injured, as he avoided all intercourse with the inhabitants as much as he could. In the violent rain of Monday night he came up as far as Neck gate to buy or procure a Candle. Obtained it of one Oliver, but was observed to be in a fit of intoxication so as thought not to be safe in such bad weather. So it proved. For as soon as he entered Neck gate, probably deceived by the lights on the north at the first house, he directed his course toward them, & slipt into the wash, the tide being up & perished. He had several times lately been seen intoxicated considerably, but as he was not generally addicted to it, & it seemed to have been induced by his concealed poverty no person suffered the general character he sustained to be forfeited by it. He perished early in the evening but no person knew it, as he lived in a very retired situation with his wife, his two daughters living in good families in the town. On Tuesday evening, a youth from our family went down to Tytler's to pass an hour accidentally with the old man, & found his wife senseless on the floor. She had waited for him all night, searched for him the next morning, communicated herself to no person, & returned exhausted to her little home, & without any refreshment was near perishing. Help was soon brought, the children sent down, & all of our family continued busy upon our attempts to discover him. We visited all his haunts & went to Marblehead. In the morning he was found in the wash. A jury of inquest was called & the body was delivered for burial. Some of our most respected Citizens attended the Pall, & I delivered such a eulogy, as I thought his merit required. The music in the Meet-

ing house was excellent, under one of our best performers, Mr. Holyoke, & the concourse which attended was much beyond what I at any time before had seen. A contribution without previous notice was mentioned in the Meeting House, & 120 Dollars collected for the widow. The Eulogy I delivered was at the moment, & from the recollection of an imperfect acquaintance with him, a few reports of his friends, & from the public testimonies. As I conversed little with him upon many accounts, I am not able to give anything of his personal history, excepting that it was evident he was excentric. The incidents of his life had not impaired his industry, & his thirst for universal knowledge varied too often his pursuits. He anticipated from his theory more for mankind than experience can justify our hopes to expect very soon, & he was determined by his integrity to countenance nothing which did not meet his full wishes. With the affairs of the world he was irrecconcilable, & sufferings made him more unyielding and obstinate. For religion he had a love, but allied to his prejudices, it could also be subject to his passions. He loved mankind, but such a world as he would not find among men. His social virtues were sincere, but more from sentiment than affection. Yet he gave unbounded confidence to those he trusted. Poverty overwhelmed him, & artificial relief gave disgrace to his exit.

13. Upon enquiry into the family & life of James Tytler I find that his father was a Minister at Fearn in Angus Shire in Scotland. That he studied at Aberdeen but left it at 15 years of age. That he studied Medicine & Surgery under Dr. Ogilvie at Forfar. That his place of nativity was about 20 miles from Dundee. That from Forfar he went to Edinburg, & studied under Munroe & Black, was in the Edinburgh Dispensary, went a voyage as Surgeon in a Ship to Greenland, & returned to Edinburg. That for a time he had a printing press at his command, from which he published many tracts, before he left Scotland & went to Ireland. That his present is his third wife, that the author of the Translation of Callimachus was a second Cousin, & that the family is in good reputation. He was always careless of interest, & suffered others to profit from his labours. That many of his publications have not appeared in his own name.

15. Sunday. Notes. Jane Tytler & her daughters, d. of her husband James Tytler. Frances Swet, d. of her husband, Enoch Swet at Sea. William Pratt & wife, d. of their Child. Mrs. Tytler made her first appearance in our Congregation. Her husband tho' a firm Christian could not reconcile his habits to any public assembly whatever.

17. This morning we had the pleasant sight of our part of the fleet which has been long detained by the weather in Martha's Vineyard. They all arrived in safety last night in our harbour. For the first time notice is given in the Gazette of an evening lecture in the Tabernacle. The preacher's name is given.

22. Sunday. A cold Sunday. Mr. D. Hopkins of this Town, for whom a new House is to be erected, has consented, as we hear on last Friday, to accept a Colleague, & a matter very desirable in getting a new Meeting House. They have for a long time worshipped in an old decayed building, first built for a Dancing Hall, & having no conveniences for public worship. In the County we find Mr. Hull still at Amesbury. Mr. Balch in West Salisbury. Mr. Noyes of the East Salisbury, is still an incumbent on the Parish, but dismissed from the pulpit service. A Mr. Noyes of Southhampton supplies the old Parish in Newbury. Mr. Tombe is more quiet in New Town. This part of the County has long been subject to religious convulsions. In Lynn, the Congreg[ationalists] have been contriving to give some disquiets to the Methodists. The attorney general has written to them that Rose, their preacher, is not qualified to marry, as he hears. The Methodists have been advised to produce credentials. But as they are liable to be disturbed upon every new minister they have determined to try the issue in Law. The consequences may be serious to the Congregationalists if they are not better provided with talents & resources than they at present appear to possess. They disown the affair individually.

24. Banks & Turnpikes have greatly aided the prosperity of the Commerce & agriculture of our Country. It is impossible to visit at the smallest distance & not see the effect upon our roads, of the Turnpiking systems. And the Banks have thrown into instant circulation a vast interest, which has given this country the immediate advantages from the present embarrassed state of European affairs. It appears to have been the only expedient from which we could meet such opportunities. In this Town the first Bank existed in experiment a long time before it was incorporated. It was touched with trembling hands. There are now two Banks & two Insurance Companies & many associations all of which operate favourably upon Commerce. Petitions are now before the General Court.

27. I am informed in the General Court, as says the Centinel, there was a strong & persevering effort for Mr. W. B. of Salem, to preach the Election Sermon. The votes were for me 85, & the other votes were for Dr. Lathrop, Mr. Kendall, & Dr. Bernard. Upon the third trial the latter votes were united for Mr. Kendall. In counting the votes there were more votes than voters. This may not be considered as a compliment to the men but as a trial of the strength of parties.

28. Died in this Town, the Widow Lydia Beckford. Of her parentage I have not as yet a correct account, or of her repeated marriages. The following is given to the public as a correct account of her age & of her parentage. She was born 8 October in Salem 1703, & therefore at her death she had exceeded one hundred

years & 3 months. I was personally acquainted with her. She had a strong constitution & general health & may be classed among those, who by free air & full exercise & plain food had not only prolonged life, but had rendered it, according to their own wishes, happy. Her posterity have been very numerous, & are comfortably situated in life & the number which survives her is given as one child, 12 grandchildren, 42 great grand children, & 7 great great grand children. She had a chearfulness & vigor & quite the good nurse was esteemed.

29. Sunday. Notes. Mercy Welman with her children, d. of one of her children. Mercy Welman, the mother of Mercy, d. of her g. child, both Widows.

30. On Friday last I attended the funeral of a child of Sarah Chambers of Marblehead. She was in Salem to nurse a Child of Capt. John Fairfield & her own child was in the neighbourhood with Mrs. Walker. The child was five months old. Of Mercy Welman I obtained the time during which Mr. Philip English has been sexton in the East Meeting House. They both recollect that her child Daniel Stevens was the first person ever buried by him. This child was born on 18 March, 1765 & died six weeks old in May, 1765. So that we may consider him as having been nearly 39 years in the service of the Society. In considering the age of Mrs. Beckford we were led to examine into the life of the Aged in Salem. In the Eastern part of Salem, or eastward of a line running from North to South river by Williams street, north of the Common down Elm street, we find 60 persons who were females above 70 years of age.

31. This day I had an opportunity to enquire of the daughter of the late Lydia Beckford respecting her deceased mother and I ascertained the following particular facts. Lydia Beckford, who was buried yesterday, was in her family name Lydia Chever. She was born in the house which was possessed by her Brother Peter Chever, till the present generation. And by Capt. Prat who bought it but afterwards removed to Orford, N. H. It was sold & he moved into Oliver street. It stood on the N.W. side of the Common at the entrance of what is now called Oliver street, has been carried back & enlarged. It was 50 feet in from the road. The door entered on the western side, room & bedroom front. It was of two low stories, & had a kitchen behind. At 17 years of age Lydia married Mr. Legro whose grandchild now lives. She had but one child by Legro. At 26 years of age she married Mr. Norris, a Brother to the Grandfather of the present generation & descendant of the Minister & Schoolmaster. By him she had four children, of which only one remains, who is married to John Archer. At 37 she married Benjamin Beckford, but by him she had no children & she had lived about 31 years a Widow, chiefly with her daughter and as a Nurse chiefly among her own posterity.

From the account of her daughter she had full health through life. She was a woman of the full size, muscular, not fat, but fleshy, strong, patient of labour, equal yet persevering, not aspiring, yet active, & contented. The family of Chever still continue to hold a great part of the antient patrimony & in the family name. Nothing has been sold by persons of the name. The late deceased is an example that early marriage does not necessarily shorten life. Her husband Legro came from Cambridge. Her husband Benjamin Beckford was Brother to the Aged & venerable Deacon Beckford, who has died since I came to Salem, & was the father of Eb: Beckford, &c. & many children. As this Chever family is the same with that of the Revd. Chever, the first minister of Marblehead & the other Chever, the first minister at Romney marsh now Chelsea, this may account that there is no record of the Chevers upon our list of Baptisms. These Ministers were both long lived, of firm constitutions & most steady habits, & were the ancestors of the Family. Many aged persons have lived & died upon the north side of the Common. Old Mr. John Higginson, pastor at 93. The Williams, a long lived family, the last Aunt Lambert Williams.

February 4, 1804. Mr. Franks, an honest Corsican, with me to arrange his affairs in order to give his wife the income of his Estate as she is in a state of derangement. He is a rare example of virtuous firmness, integrity, & industry, under every discouragement, excepting from himself.

5. Sunday. Notes. Christopher Babbidge & wife, death of his Mother. Susanna & William Babbidge, d. of their Mother. Andrew Ward & wife, d. of her mother Babbidge. Wid. Susanna Babbidge, aet. 90, d. of her d. Babbidge. Mansfield Burrill & wife, d. of her sister Babbidge. Samuel Tibbets & wife, pr. for her dang. sick.

7. This week Nancrede has a very valuable sale of Books in Boston. It is not often that valuable or general collections are sold. The importers commonly receive upon a limited Catalogue & have seldom an opportunity to enlarge it in America. Such as go to England, generally bring the best selection. Nancrede has been lately. But his domestic affairs & his general manners have not contributed to the public confidence. Another Collection more limited not in numbers but in the assortment is to be sold this month. Have not the Booksellers run upon too great credit when the taste of readers is so limited!

8. Some persons assert that there was a small shake of an Earthquake last night. I heard a noise which I did not attribute at the time to any uncommon cause. Such reports which may arise from the frozen earth & which certainly are not heard many miles should not be rashly assigned to higher causes, that may be justly ascribed to them. Some say they noticed the shaking of

loose metals in their rooms. Richard Ward Esqr. tells me that there was a Bradstreet minister at Gloucester called Cape Ann, & that his Son went with Col. Bradstreet into the military service. As we had not time to compare the documents, this may serve to direct towards the sources of Information. The Col. it is said had no children.

10. By some old Deeds it appears that on the East Side of the Common, Edmond Batter released a frame to Robert Stone, on 14 of 9 month 1676, & that 28 March 1672 Robert Lord was Marshal & Henry Skerry deputy Marshal. From the same papers in the Hodge's family, Paul Mansfield, Fisherman sells land in that quarter to Benj. Small, sailmaker, in 1674. Also William Reeves, Batchelor, bought of Paul Mansfield, 1671 bounding west on Bush, a parcel of land. W. Reeves sells R. Stone land bounding S.E. on public way & west on Edmond Batter, 1675. This land has now several houses upon it. Briggs, Vincent, Boardman, & their tenements.

11. The New Banking Companies in this Town, Gloucester, & in several other places did not obtain in the General Court. We are promised the debates, but they are not published during the session. It has become common to read the speeches in both Houses, a practice entirely unknown a few years ago. Much of the energy is lost, & not always as a tribute to correctness. There are of Mr. Newell's family children eleven, of which he is one. His G. G. parents are living nearly at a hundred years. There has not been a death for a long time. A Mrs. Neal from Kittery, says there have been five generations of their family, & not a second marriage in either generation. The females survivors & the men aged.

12. Sunday. Note. G. Newell & wife, d. of their youngest Child. Departed this morning from our mortal life, Sarah, Relict of the late worthy Major General John Fiske, aet. 59. She was of the family of Wendell in Boston & married Col. Gerry, Brother of the present Elbridge Gerry, the French Negotiator. Upon his decease she married Gen. Fiske, as his third wife. Gen. Fiske died in 1797. She married him in 1784. His first wife was sober, of delicate constitution, & a prudent woman. His second, had all the gaiety of life, & was fond of society, his last, had all that parsimony which is begotten upon narrow circumstances, & narrow education. She was a woman in other respects deserving. She has left a daughter who married a son of Col. J. Orne of Marblehead & is a widow with 4 children. Mrs. Fiske had no children by Gen. Fiske. She was the first Directress of the Female Asylum in Salem & died in that trust. It was a respect due to the generosity of Gen. Fiske, & the economy of his widow. The return of Mr. Spaulding to Salem has occasioned several singular occurrences. Last Sunday he made his first appearance in the new

House built by Farrington & called the Branch, in which a separated part of the Tabernacle church meet. In the week he applied for leave to preach in the Tabernacle, but for private reasons was refused. His friends applied for the House in which Mr. Hopkins preaches, but were refused. This day after the evening service,* but before night, he was permitted to preach in the North Church to a crowd which had assembled. A Subscription is out for a meeting House for him & the Baptists also have a subscription to enable them to build a house. This sect spreads, & the force of the prejudices of the too good, divides & spends itself among the zealous in the same way.

14. Mr. H. Elkins has been very attentive to the curiosities of foreign Countries. The Repertory which made a blaze for a while at Newbury Port has removed itself to Boston. The County of Essex could not support such a Printer with all its zeal.

15. Mr. Elbridge Gerry in Salem this day at the funeral of his Sister in Law Fiske. He did not tarry long, but returned to Cambridge the same evening. In Aunt Gowen's day, is a phrase to ridicule the claims of antiquity, among seamen. In the Becket family they tell me she has been dead about thirty years. In the winter the phrase is Molly Becket's shining free. She was a deranged woman of the same times. I have noticed these common phrases before, but I do not recollect readily in what place, & common conversation obliges me to notice them.

17. The Dorchester Bridge still interests the feelings of Boston. Another Bridge is proposed which is to be connected with the Newbury Port Turnpike. That turnpike is to pass over Malden Bridge & then from Charleston the new Bridge is to land at Barton's point. Maine will profit by the new Turnpike proposed from Lake Champlain through the upper counties of Vermont to the Connecticut River, & then onward to Portland. The whole distance from the Lake will not certainly exceed 170 miles. Something is said, but nothing done, about opening a free communication with the interior & Salem. Even at this day, excepting on the Great post road to Portsmouth, there is not a comfortable road leading into Salem.

18. The first pleasant day of the season. A Walk on the shores of North River was as agreeable as in May. The calm was entire, & many persons were busy in digging & gathering Clams & Muscles. This is the best Bank said honest Tytler. It discounts daily & cannot fail. Last night died B. Nutting, a Son of the worthy old Lady known at Cambridge by the name of Mother Nutt. What Palmer said of Gen. Brattle when he appeared in his father's pulpit, might be applied to B. N. A Worthy Parent with an unpromising son. Briggs' Rope Walk was sold last week & the buildings are to be removed from the east side of the Common. Ropes'

*At that time the phrase was applied to a service held in the afternoon.

house & Lot on the south side upon Essex Street did not sell. It was held up above 2 thousand dollars.

19. Sunday. Note. Edward & Ann Allen, d. of her Mother in Law, Wid. of late M. Gen. John Fiske. A Mrs. Webb, formerly a Mansfield, was dipped by Williams, a Baptist Minister of Beverly, just below North Bridge on North field side. This event had been long expected, but the snow storm prevented the concourse which was intended. Two lads were also dipped. Young, of Beverly, had immersed a person at Cape Driver, so that this was not the first time. We may be said to be in the times of religious convulsions. With Worcester at the Tabernacle & Spaulding in his occasional lectures, with the Baptists & their black & white preachers, & Farrington & the lay preachers who have two buildings in their service, the work has a wonderful progress. Mr. Spaulding after having applied in vain to Worcester & Hopkins congregations, has had permission to preach three evenings before Candle light in the North Meeting H. The wonder lays in the different builders, not in the success of the building.

23. Several Vessels went out this day but returned soon enough to escape the storm, which began this afternoon & continued with snow & high wind till next day.

24. The storm continues with unabating violence & the fence near our house, above six feet high, is covered with the drifts which are forced against it. In January we had snow 8 times, rain 6 times, hail once & thunder twice.

25. The storm continued till last night at midnight. The quantity of snow in Town is much beyond any for many years. The roads at present impassable. One Southern & two Eastern mails are due. Yesterday the mail stage driver in a single sleigh forced through after a struggle for the whole day. This day we have heard of no passenger. It is undoubtedly the deepest snow I have ever seen in Salem. The banks before our house were six feet in the drifts, & that high at a mean throughout the town, & few places were left entirely bare. At two o'clock P. M. on Friday was the thickest flight of snow I ever saw. We are still shut up. On Friday, a Boat's Crew in Collins Cove at high noon with difficulty escaped.

26. Sunday. Note. Susanna Beade, d. of her Sister Symonds in Northfields, aet. 85. She had a cancer in the mouth. Spaulding is upon his third Sunday at Dr. Bernard's. The severe weather did not prevent the evening Lectures this evening. The Baptists in this Town are reckoned eight, they propose a small building upon Roast Meat hill* towards the Mill pond.

28. We have not time to clear our roads before we have snow again. After a cloudy day at one it began to snow & continued but not with violence, through the remainder of the day. Yes-

*The southern end of the present Summer street.



EDWARD AUGUSTUS HOLYOKE, M. D.

**From the portrait by James Frothingham, now in the possession
of the Essex Institute.**

terday Dr. Holyoke, an eminent physician of the town & far advanced, had a fall upon the ice which rendered him senseless. He appears to be upon the recovery. The stroke was upon the side of the head, but his hat intervened.

29. It snowed in the morning & the sun broke out. Glass just above the freezing point.

March 1 [1804]. This day an arrival from Embden. We have been long expecting an arrival from Europe but no essential change in European affairs. The travelling very bad & snow very deep. Still deeper in the province of Maine. Mr. Perkin's books sold at Vendue.

2. The travelling remains bad & dangerous & the snow continues to fall. Our harbour has not been frozen so that our navigation has been open. Nancrede's Sale of Books & the New Books at Clap's sold for their highest value this week, so that the demand must necessarily be great.

3. Some of the Stages did return after attempting the Turnpike, & the Marblehead Stage did not get through. The new Insurance Company* of Salem has obtained, & a copy of the act has reached the Town. In Boston they are for filling up the Mill pond on the Northwest side of the Town. It is left to a Committee to be reported on March next.

4. Sunday. Cold & spitting snow. Time of general health.

5. A Few rockets in memory of the election of the President. Salem is not fond of a too frequent repetition of holidays. And tho we are reproached for not keeping this day, respect not forgetfulness induces the silent but solemn & sincere joy of heart.

6. We have the disagreeable news of the capture of our Frigate to a Corsair. We have some hopes that this news will be qualified Philadelphia by the Tripolitans. She ran aground in giving chase by some exertions on the part of our little fleet still left in the Mediterranean.

7. I am at the moment busy in circulating the tickets for our Fire Club, for which in turn I have consented to be Clerk for the present year. Letters from Washington bring me some valuable documents but a letter from Mr. Thacher forbids me to hope for his company.

9. Upon Abbot's Rocks off Winter Island, is a ship the Laurel, Capt. Blackler, belonging to Mr. Gray. She struck on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, coming in in a rain & having mistook the place. She still remains suffering & probably may be obliged to remain some time, before she be gotten off. There has not been that dispatch, says public opinion, which might have been employed.

10. Last night the Republicans of Salem had a Caucus. They appear to have union & strength. They need more talents, but

*The Union Marine Insurance Co., dissolved in 1842.

then as they have few public speakers, they do their business more coolly & in a shorter time. They make fewer converts, unless we may suppose that as they see it a common cause, they feel bound individually to their exertions. Of the Federalists nothing appears publicly. They feel that they are in opposition to the government, & do not, cannot, much love such a situation.

11. Sunday. Notes. Abigail Berry, for her niece Abigail Woodman, dangerously sick of a nervous fever. Wid. Martha Palfrey, d. of her husband's Sister Very, pr. for her Mother Palfrey sick. Timothy & Sarah Welman, d. of his mother, pr. for friends at Sea. Margaret Bishop & her 4 Children, pr. d. of her husband. Elizabeth Daland, d. of her Brother Daland. Mr. Thacher in declining to preach before our association next May, offers as a special reason, besides his engagements in the education of children, that in their own association, he with his neighbours Mr. Chickering of Dedham, & Mr. Browne of Sherburne, had obtained of their association that there should be no public religious service at the time of the meeting in their own parishes respectively, & that therefore he could not perform a service in other associations which he had laboured to be exempt from in his own. In Boston association they have a prayer but only in the presence of the ministers in their own houses. Mr. Spaulding has left us for the present. The Baptists do not succeed at present.

14. Revd. Mr. Eli Forbes sent us word that he should bury his wife who died on Tuesday last on Friday. He appeared to have little hopes that we could pass to Cape Ann from the badness of the roads. The Salem stages did not pass to Boston this day from the state of the roads. Mr. Gray's Ship, the Laurel, was afloat this day off the Fort. She will probably be saved. Much loss of property in this affair of carelessness. Capt. John Carlton & Capt. John Endicott, both sailed this day for Copenhagen. I have freighted largely in them for Mr. Ebeling of Hamburg. The fog, rain & sun in two days have diminished the snow in town one half.

17. This day returned from the West Indies, Samuel Becket, Commander, the Brig William & Charles. From his Letter to his wife now before me I have the following circumstances. He sailed from Salem, mate of the Brig under one Gould,* & had an agreeable passage for 18 days, when the Captain questioned him respecting a power from one of the Owners. He declared he had no power whatever, & no such power had ever been mentioned to him. Soon after at night he discovered the Captain taking the pistols from his own chest, upon which he seized his pistols & demanded of the Captain what business he had with them, & whether he intended to kill him. The Captain had already taken the mate's things out of his chest. This passed off. After they had

*Capt. Daniel Gould.

made land, & expected to be at anchor in a few hours, the mate laid himself down to sleep a few hours after fatigue, that he might be more ready for duty when they anchored. At four in the afternoon he awaked by the stroke of the razor, with which said Gould was actually cutting his throat. He leaped into the steerage. Gould followed. The people on deck took alarm at the noise, ran down, found Gould then cutting the back of his neck, arrested him, & then took care of Becket who fainted & lay for sometime senseless. One Williams sewed up his wound, & he soon had a Surgeon, has recovered, & has returned. Gould is in confinement at Surinam, & left there & is deemed insane. These two young men were apprentices together under Mr. S. Ropes at the Cooper's Trade in Salem. Gould was from Ipswich & Becket of Salem. Gould has been noticed for the most hardened avarice, & would travel on foot to avoid every expence, & thus had accumulated a considerable interest. He would associate with no one, but was bent upon getting money. Naturally timorous, but always parsimonious. The unanimous opinion is that this derangement was altogether from jealousy, & that unbounded thrift for money, which had long rendered him contemptible & miserable. There had been no previous quarrel & no previous insanity, unless his avarice could be called such. He was in part owner of the Brig. The Brig was delivered up to the Consul with no advantage to the voyage so that the property, reputation & hopes of Gould must totally vanish, tho' public indulgence preserve his existence.

18. Sunday. Notes. Susanna Majore, herself & daughter sick, she a Knights, widow.

21. The fed. Caucus have induced the venerable Dr. Holyoke to lend his name in the Gazette to the party politics of this day. Thus the good Washington lent his name, & lost the favour of the people & of posterity. Mr. P.* by his free remarks on Foreigners forgot that he was condemning some of his warmest partizans. He had nothing to please upon that string. At Lynn, the complaint against Jaines the Methodist preacher, has given alarm. Complaint was lodged against him for marrying contrary to Law as he was not an Ordained Minister, with the Attorney General. A Letter was sent, the society have owned their Minister & printed a sermon. In consequence the Friends & Methodists have secured a majority against the Presbyterians & carried the last election of Town Officers at pleasure.

23. My brother John with me from Thomaston, Maine. I feel the inequality of education, & a strange relation to Brethren & Sisters with whom I never lived a day. But virtue can make every attachment. We owe natural ties but their strength is in moral ones, when they have not been formed by early powerful association.

*Col. Timothy Pickering.

25. Sunday. [Notes] Samuel Tibbits, Breth, & Sisters, d. of his wife.* Samuel Becket for the preservation of his life. Since his return proper depositions have been taken of this strange affair & the whole will be referred to the Court of Justice. We have no important religious information in our neighbourhood. The expectation of Spaulding makes the Tabernacle people more quiet, & the dipping of Mrs. Webb in snow storm has rather rendered the Plungers ridiculous, than engaged any influence in their favour.

27. Capt. Crowninshield kindly put me & my young pupil across the harbour, & we passed to Capt. Nathan Martin's & dined. I was much pleased with this man & his family. We dined on fish.

28. This day died Col. Samuel Carlton, aet. 73. He was born in Salem in the next house to that in which he died in Union street. His parents were from Andover in this County. He was bred to the seas, & was a Master of a Vessel till the war, when he engaged in the Northern army & had a Lieutenant Col's. commission under Col. Brewer, in the campaign of 1777. He was sick & returned home & for the last 14 years was unable to make any use of his lower extremities. He was a very chearful man, original in his expressions, & capable of drawing attention in his conversation. He has left numerous descendants. No man ever endured so much with greater patience.

31. Another Republican Caucus was held at Washington Hall last evening. Col. Harthorne was Moderator. The Committee for the distribution of Votes consisted of 154 persons. The weather was stormy, but still the number considerable. The exertions on both sides are great, & it remains among so many electioneering arts quite uncertain what will be the event. The Republicans do not despair of success. Very great use is made of the name of Washington, by the men who in his life time said every thing to derogate from his fame. And they who condemned Mr. Adams are now most vociferous. The insincerity of party men never was more evident.

April 1 [1804]. Sunday. Notes. Henry Prince & wife & ch., d. of their youngest child Benjamin. Wm. Foye & wife, d. of her Son, G. Ledbetter in West Indies.

2. This day as great a struggle at Elections as ever known. The choice however discovers the change of influence & the Republican Ticket succeeded in Salem for the first time in the choice of Governour & Senators.

5. This was the Thursday designated for the Annual Fast. The attendance is not general, & our houses of worship in Salem do not discover a particular regard to these instituted forms, & much less to the severity they once imposed. When political sub-

*Barbara (Bullock), formerly widow of James Goodale (Goodhue?).

jects are discussed they attract notice. But as mere acts of devotion they have no authority. Political contention has so ill an effect upon religious society that in a free country it is unnecessary. If the Clergy do not contribute to enslave men, they are safe.

7. The Committee with me this evening & the sum we had to distribute amounted to 100 Dollars, of which the Contribution was above 90 Dollars. The Sum was distributed among 39 persons of whom 32 were widows, 3 Maidens, 3 wives, unprovided for, & one infirm old man. This is the largest distribution ever made nominally, but not the largest contribution.

8. Sunday. Notes. Eunice Carlton, d. of her husband, with her children, pr. for 2 sons & S. Law at Sea. Hannah Crowninshield, d. of her Brother Carlton. Susanna Majore, for her own child & d. sick.

10. Arrived, Capt. Gould who made an attempt upon the life of Mr. Becket. He came with orders to be delivered to the Port Officer. This singular affair arrests the public attention. He denies that he had any knowledge of doing the act, tho' he has no doubt he did it.

11. This day departed from life my amiable pupil Mr. Benjamin Hodges, the only & beloved son of Capt. Benjamin Hodges. This is the fifth child they have lost since I came to Salem, by Consumption. After having been disengaged from his Collegiate relations, he took a voyage to Leghorn, & returned determined to pursue the study of divinity from which nothing could divert him. But he soon found that his health was gone & with rapid steps he descended to the grave. His mind was ingenuous & pure, his morals irreproachable, his manners engaging, his modesty characteristic. A Classic taste promised excellence, his philanthropy usefulness, his benevolence, active affections in that character which he had designated for himself with decided preference in the whole of his life. As a Student in Divinity he began with piety towards God, & good will to all men. The Christian religion had been displayed in his life, & confirmed in all his most early habits. He was distinguished & endeared by the faithful discharge of all the duties of a Son, & relative, by warm friendship, & an uncommon freedom from all the depraved passions. Universally beloved, & esteemed, he is universally lamented. He pursued his enquiries with great judgment, precision & effect.

13. The little Mr. Bowditch puffed up by the flattery of his matemetical studies & destitute of every degree of literature, or manners, has attempted to sacrifice me to party by deserting my meeting house because he cannot approve my friendship to the present administration. But he finds as he ought, that he is indeed light as a puff of empty air.

14. We had the two funerals of the two young men. Mr.

Hodges had every respectful notice in his interment. Party does not abate but the moderation of Capt. B. Hodges draws around the attention which was thought to be due to him in better days.

15. Sunday. Notes. B. Hodges & wife & Ch., d. of his only Son, pr. for a Brother at Sea. Jonathan Archer & wife & Ch., d. of his Eldest Son. This solemn occasion drew a large concourse together to hear what was to be said upon the death of so promising a youth as Mr. Hodges. The Father has asked the sermon for the press.

16. I had severe reprehension from Mr. A. that so much notice was taken of the son of Capt. B. H. & not equal of his own. His own was deformed, subject to running sores, which brought excessive debility, went on crutches & was without any education or intercourse with the world, & was employed when able in a small shop to retail light articles. A proper subject of that parental sympathy which he so largely shared, but by no means an object of public notice. In stature he was not at 20 years equal to common boys of 10, & his understanding tho' sober, was of the diminutive size of a good child. So unreasonable is sympathy when it is told it has unreasonable claims. But there are men who can inflate honest men with so much vanity as to think there was a full share of praise rather than sympathy due. The Mother is a woman of too great strength of mind to admit such delusion.

21. This day we had news that the French were very busy in the East Indies & that they had destroyed a great quantity of East India Co. pepper at Sumatra & had taken prizes.

22. Sunday. Last week the Baptist Meeting House was raised in Salem. It is a small building accommodated to their small beginnings. They are few in number here, but no sect has made greater progress in New England, within a few years. A wish to restrain the Congregational Clergy who have been uniformly of a political party against the present spirit of the administration is the principal cause. The Methodists are the most prevalent in the southern states, as their mode of providing preachers is better adapted to new settlers, & to habits of the established churches in Europe from which Emigrants come.

24. The business of counterfeiting has been carried on beyond example lately. The several persons who have been apprehended in Danvers were part of a gang belonging to different parts of the United States. It is to be feared but a small part of this villainy has been detected.

25. Kept our Singing School for the first time in the Eastern public School House, near the meeting house.

28. We are promised some better weather than the cloudy sky of April. Our windbound vessels are spreading their sails. We had high wind on Sunday last, & the rain was more violent on Monday. But we had no damage done & nothing so unusual as

the violent wind which distressed New York on Saturday last. The wind in that place as well as here was S. E. They had vessels, Buildings & Chimnies destroyed, but the damage much less than was at first apprehended.

29. Sunday. Notes. Samuel Tibbits & wife, death of youngest child. Jona. Brown & wife, death of his Sister ——— at Lynn, in childbed. In this town zeal does not abate. Three places of public worship are now in hand. Lectures every night. But it ought to be added, that these things are local & have not produced any visible changes in the habits of the place, & are confined to particular congregations, while they are viewed by the majority not as religion, but enthusiasm without any known change of habits, in the most active among those who are busy in promoting religious commotion. In Beverly, it probably will extinguish itself by the opposing interests which have equal claims, but cannot render them consistent. At Newbury, the cause is in its ashes. They have done nothing & can do nothing. In no other part of the County is there any stir. But we are told that all together we are nothing to the Baptists in Boston.

May 1 [1804]. The intended dedication of the New North Meeting House which has been rebuilt in brick induced me to go to Boston this day & I took my female pupil, H. C. along with me. I visited the North Church, called Christ's Church, which is at present in a ruinous state. It was one of the best Gothic buildings in America & once displayed an elegance & even majesty unknown in our Country. The King's Chapel has become its rival from the modern architecture which it displays beyond any other building, & its external form impresses some of the majesty which the internal appearance of the North Church inspired. The Catholic Church is finished with a simplicity which is a contrast to the holy little playthings which adorn what is called the Altar. The New Meeting to be dedicated is rich. The lower columns which have the olive leaf in the Capital are surrounded by Corinthian Columns, which add little to the beauty of the House. I prefer the openness of the Catholic Chapel. I prefer the simplicity also of the New Brick pulpit to all the studied forms of the circular stairs, columns, & cavities of the North Brick, now erected. I do not see improvement in any thing, but in the safety of Brick buildings in great cities. The increase of buildings in Boston is astonishing. I could hardly know my native place after I left the principal streets. At the north end, the new buildings vastly exceed anything I had ever seen as the old buildings grand at their erection, were in decay in my time. In West Boston the Change is very great. Few houses occupied these grounds which are now covered. And the labour bestowed upon the great hill near which the late powder house has been erected, & which touched the shore of the Charles, is beyond any example

in our country. The side of that hill above 30 feet in height is already taken away as far as its greatest height & a new soil provided below of considerable extent. This is a place which promises to be beautiful & is already enriched by elegant buildings. On the southeast part of the town wharves are adding. I saw several upon which many hands were employed, so that as far up as the intended Dorchester Bridge, business will probably be active.

2. This day was appointed for dedication. The hour was 3 P. M. The Ladies were suffered to enter before the services began. A procession was formed from the Pastor's, Dr. J. Eliot. The Committees of the Church & of the New Brick, as they had worshipped together, preceded, then the Benefactors, & the Clergy followed. The Music on the occasion was from the Franklin Society so called which usually perform in the Hollis Street Church. It was soft, but it wanted expression. It was correct, but it wanted spirit. It was adapted, but it wanted solemn pauses which enrich devotional music. No voice conveyed the sound of the words. Some enthusiast might have rendered it sublime. Dr. Lathrop modelled his prayer upon the words of Solomon. Dr. Eliot chose a most excellent text. May the L. be with us, as he was with our Fathers, may he never leave nor forsake us. The Dr. cannot sufficiently interest us. A better man does not go into a pulpit. He does not preserve a unity in his discourses. Many of the best things but without happy disposition. His character of Webb was flattering. Webb was a good man, but a weak one. Thacher was a scholar not a genius. The new North has an Eliot to boast who was the honour of the Pulpit in his day. Dr. Eliot, the Son, in his Sermon went out of his way, to reprove *ex tempore* preaching, & the zeal of sects. I love conciliating hints on such great occasions. Old hundred was once sung but no words were known. The Success in building this house is great. Enough was sold immediately to defray the great expences & it is expected thousands of Dollars will be left. The vast crowd was agreeably entertained & the day finished agreeably.

3. This day was spent in visiting different families & in surveying the new buildings of the Town. Turells museum wants a little of the man of the world, with his good Taste to make his collections in Natural history agreeable. The Turnpike facilitates the communication between Salem & Boston. I had the great pleasure of seeing the beauty, the wife of Mr. Richard Derby. I was pleased. I did see my old friend Mr. Sprague. He is an original. I saw the rich great, & the great poor.

5. Our friends have returned from Court & have lost their cases. Kilham has recovered damages 60D. The Selectmen put him aside as an Alien. Capt. Crowninshield has lost his case. Gardiner's alien Case is hung up. The Selectmen are not pleased with the treatment they received. The Newbury Turnpike is in

great forwardness. It is passable in the N. E. part of the County. The fate of the new Bridge directs the remainder of the road. The Hotel will be near Humphrey's pond, & provision is already made for the entertainment of travellers near that spot. What a contrast may be soon expected to the present inhospitable appearance of this uncultivated part of our Country. The Bridge over the Ipswich River at Topsfield is much praised. The true distance till the whole course is agreed on cannot be precisely ascertained. 29 miles is the distance named.

6. Sunday. In Boston, the Baptists have been very zealous. The Methodists despair of equalling them. Last Sunday Dr. Hittman carrying a corpulent woman into the water, was thrown down by her & was obliged to receive help from the Bystanders. Several incidents have tended to make this mode ridiculous. The converts are from a particular class of people. Dr. Osgood has published two sermons upon Baptism & the first impression is taken up. It is quite superficial but so much ad captum that it will not be without effect, tho it certainly is a gross misrepresentation.

8. Association at my house. Present Rev. Forbes, Green, & Randall. Invited Capt. Hodges & Story, Little, Parker & Bigelow. Mr. Tuckerman of Chelsea preached very acceptably. The two ministers of the Town were sick. Mr. A. Abbot joined the association. The day was truly a summer's day & we enjoyed ourselves without any interruption. Mr. Dana of Marblehead & Mr. Randall of Manchester joined the association last year at Hamilton.

9. Took H. C. & Ab. Burdett with me & visited Spring Pond. Yesterday the glass was as high as 81, at Newburyport they say high as 91. This day was overcast, & a fine day for the running of the alewives in our Brooks. We found that it was a fishing day & every stand was occupied. We found the fish at the Flag's pond, & the Spring pond. We passed up on the Turnpike & returned on the old road. We took tea at Oliver's alias Cottle's farm. The spring at Spring pond had been cleared & from the great quantity of water in the earth it boiled considerably, throwing out a white sand. But it was very weakly impregnated. The Alewives were numerous in the pond. The flowers just begin to appear. We had a pleasant time & returned at sun down. We brought home some of the fish.

11. A Brig launched at Brigg's yard, opposite the wharves. The time for electioneering for Representatives has come. A Caucus of Republicans was held this evening. Story addressed them. Candidates nominated were Col. J. Hawthorne, W. Cleveland, John Southwick. They adjourned till Monday evening, the time of holding the Federal Caucus.

12. Sky clearing but political heavens overcast by the smoke

which has been raised to answer particular purposes. Puffed off. In Boston they keep a majority opposed to the administration of the General Government. This is imputed to the influence of the new Comers by the old Citizens.

13. Sunday. Note. George Ellison, note for himself sick. The Methodists are comparatively quiet as the Baptists exceed them in zeal & are more distinguished by the ignorance of their Preachers. In the first Church of this Town the indisposition of Dr. Prince has led to the supply of the pulpit by Mr. Isaac Smith, Preceptor of Dummer Academy, & by occasional preachers. Mr. Popkin is now to preach. He was ordained at the Federal street M. H. Boston, but from a strange derangement he insisted upon a dismissal. He is now preaching from Parish to Parish. A Mr. Tenny is now at Mr. Hopkin's M. H. who has been preaching at Lower Danvers. Samuel Willard, chamber mate of B. Hodges, in Salem upon a visit.

15. The day for the election of Representatives. The Republicans had a caucus on Friday night & the Feds. on Monday. The Repub. adjourns till Monday night, to know what arrangements were made. The Fed. proposed as Candidates Mr. W. Gray, our richest merchant, N. Bowditch, a Mathematician, & Jona. Waldo. Mr. K. has no fort out of his business & the others are children in the world. The Rep. proposed Col. Harthorne sanguinary & persevering but consistent, W. Cleveland & J. Southwick, the first is a Merchant, the last a Quaker School Master. Every effort was made & the day passed quietly till towards the close, when E. H. Derby began as usually to quarrel, but nothing serious followed. The votes were announced at 5 P. M. Rep. 529, Fed. 443, majority Rep. 86. Tho' we have gained nothing absolutely in point of talents we have most certainly lost nothing comparatively & parties are well convinced of it. It was a most difficult thing to obtain Candidates. The best men would not serve, & uniformly observed that their habits were not favourable to the cares of public life.

16. We receive the news of the destruction of the Philadelphia in the harbour of Tripoli just in season to relieve us from the contemplation of the events of yesterday. That the greatest merchant in Salem should excite a greater zeal in the Citizens to appear against the opposition than had ever before been known.

18. The Republicans lost their vote in Cape Ann by decision & disapprobation of their former Candidate, by 5 votes, & they did so in Haverhill by a small majority. This is a subject of gross misrepresentation. Marblehead too is attacked with virulence for the choice of 5 members, without any regard to truth. In Cape Ann, the fishermen were out & there is no revolt. In Haverhill, an abusive paragraph imputes the failure to the absence of a wretch who is in the hands of justice & has no right to be classed where he had no influence.

19. I sent on yesterday by Capt. T. Ropes to Copenhagen, packages for my friend Ebeling. Had notices from B[en] C[rowninshield] who has gone to College at Williamsburg, & is kindly received at that City, of which he gives us a very favourable opinion. The Southern manners are charming to our young men, who are fond of social pleasures. He has sent me several notices of his favour.

20. Sunday. Note. Susannah Majore, her recovery & health of her child.

22. Yesterday I received from the bounty of Hon. Jacob Crowninshield a very handsome note & a very rich present of Books & Pamphlets from Congress at Washington. I have arranged them for the Book binder & entered a notice of them upon my Book Account at the present date. It is to be hoped that some faithful hand will persevere upon Hazard's plan & continue a publication of State Papers. It will be more easy to find them at the moment & the sale would be more extensive while the memory of the transaction was yet alive.

23. I received from Newburyport a Catalogue of Bishop Bass' library which is to be sold on Friday next. I wrote for a few volumes to Mr. Carey, at certain prices. The Catalogue contained 46 folio & 240 volumes besides including all sorts found in his hands. This would not be a considerable Library in Europe, but it is greater than is commonly found among our most eminent divines in America & is more of a Theological cast than any I have seen excepting the library of the Mathers, Dr. Mather, Byles, Chauncey & Cooper, or, in other words, that ever I have seen out of Boston, no one excepted. I could not help remarking in going over this Catalogue I did not find the least notice of a Greek testament. Tho I have no idea of the Bishop's pulpit talent, or Theological enquiries, yet from his sincerity of character & his zeal for the English Church I can have no doubt he kept one. But that he was not a Critic in it may appear in that there is no edition with various readings, of Mills, Wetstein or Griesbach, no modern version, or late Commentator even of his own Church. There is no express Commentator or Annotator such as Raphael, Wolf, Michaelis. This is a strange circumstance tho undoubtedly the best things might be picked up from Grotius, Hammond, Newton, Locke, Calvin, &c. Yet such a total overlooking of all modern labours indicates a want of that theological enquiry, which belongs to a worthy father in the Church. In American History, there is the same inattention.

25. Mr. C. Crowninshield has at length consented to remove his fence, according to the direction of the Selectmen, in the lane called Ives's lane leading from Essex Street to the Common. He complains of the position of the Common fence, which interferes with the opening into Essex street. Gen. Derby insisted upon

the present range of the Common railing. The repairs of Bridge street are begun under Capt. Benj. Ward 2nd.

26. My worthy friend Cary purchased for me the Books I asked at a moderate price. He purchased them early in the sale, but afterwards purchasers for the Bowdoin College raised the sale. The sale of Classical & rare Books is uncommon in Newbury Port. Nothing of the kind has been in my day. Noyes & Parker were scholars but they were dead for a century before my birth. Mr. Lowell was not a scholar, & the Gentlemen who have existed in the Town were not men of reading, till Mr. Murray of the Presbyterian Church came into the place. He had scholarship but I knew nothing of his Library. It was handsome says report. The present Gentlemen have not yet appeared inclined to the Fathers, or Classical authorities. Mr. Cary is a polite scholar, but his early paralytic affections have deprived the Church of a man who would have been a great ornament to it.

27. Sunday. Last Sunday Jaines, a Methodist from Lynn, this day Webb, a Methodist from Marblehead, exhibited in the Court House. Young, the excluded Baptist from Beverly, is preaching at Old Town, Gloucester.

28. Female Ch. Society, Newbury Port, had their first Sermon, 22 May, Contrib. 202 D., Sermon by Dana. Attended the funeral of Lucia Waters* from Hon. N. Dana. The custom of an hour's waiting with the mourners is, as a common practice, tedious. The address in form loses its pure sympathy. The procession was numerous & solemn & a proper respect was shewn to the deceased. Dr. McKean, President of Bowdoin College & his Br. in law Rev. Anderson were present. Mr. Abbot officiated. They have a new Burying ground back of the Common, which has been opened 12 years. The spirit of fanaticism has seized this town & the supererogation of their public religious exercises is felt upon their business, as well as tempers. The extreme ignorance which is general in this place, must render them sure victims of their superstition & render it of the most degrading character.

30. The day of General Election. The sermon was long, was an invective against strangers. Indeed under the pretence of religion it insinuated many things. But as I was in the nomination I was obliged to be silent. The day was pleasant but marked with no uncommon transactions. I was present in Turell's museum. He has all the talents but to recommend his collection & therefore must suffer an undue share of neglect. The Common was full, the multitude forget their cares.

31. Was convention of the Congregational Clergy. Dr. Emmons of Franklin preached. By his metaphysical subtlety he endeavoured to persuade us that there really was one mind among

*Miss Lucy, daughter of Benjamin Waters of Beverly.



GOVERNOR SIMON BRADSTREET.

**From a copy of the portrait in the Massachusetts Senate Chamber,
now in the possession of the Essex Institute.**

Christians, that the means of attaining were simple, & that we had a right & indeed a necessity of denying all who differed from us our affections. The most illiberal discourse I ever heard. As soon as sermon was over, the Convention opened by adjournment. The business I did not know till this stage of it. It seems Morse & Co. had contemplated a Union, a Consociation of Churches as I might call it. To fix it a committee from the 21 associations was intended who could report some plan. Superiour men such as Dr. Osgood, Cummings, &c. saw the difficulty & the evil & that the plan could not succeed & must excite alarm. After all that was said of one mind we divided, 35 & 35, & finally one in the negative gave us our wishes. Then a committee of nine persons were chosen to write to the Association, to meet before Convention, & report & so we trust we have gotten rid of this business which was designed to betray the Clergy into the hands of some evil & artful enthusiasts. As the plan was not fully developed, we must judge the well known characters of men who enter into such designs. At dinner I just escaped abuse for political opinions. I am indebted to Dr. Kirkland for my escape. What illiberal fellows, some purse proud & bloated, Clergymen are.

June 1 [1804]. I waited on Mr. Bradstreet of Charlestown, to be informed whether the portrait of Gov. Bradstreet* was of the real Governour. He did not appear to have paid much attention to the subject but conversation supplied some facts, which tended to remove my doubts. The portrait is a more modern dress than 1697, when Gov. Bradstreet died at 94 years of age. The likeness must have been taken in youth & when he was very corpulent. That some descendant might have been substituted I might believe because John Higginson is placed near him as the first minister of Salem, when he was only the son of the first minister & the sixth minister in course. But it seems that Gov. Bradstreet was a man attentive to life, & his son was Minister at New London. Some of his sermons dated 1666, 67, & 69 were given me in a beautiful fine hand writing. He died before his father. After having preached sometime at New London, he was ordained 5 Oct. 1670 & died 1683. His son, & g. son of the Gov. was settled in Charlestown & died within the memory of some persons now living. The Son of the minister of Charlestown settled at Marblehead. The third Simon Bradstreet in succession was ordained at Marblehead 4 Jan. 1738 & died in 1772. So that as no person of eminence in the name was in civil life, the picture is ascertained, but I should be glad to get its history as it has many marks of a copy in modern times. I have never yet found out how the old Gov. came to Salem,† & was entombed in this place. This is

*The portrait of the Council Chamber in the State House, Boston.

†Gov. Bradstreet married, about 1676, Ann, widow of Capt. Joseph Gardner of Salem, whose house was located where now stands the museum building of the Essex Institute. The Governor was buried in the Charter Street Burying Ground, Salem.

also another enquiry for which I am referred to Mr. Roby, who married a daughter of the Minister of Marblehead & now lives in Salem. Dr. Trumbull in his history of Connecticut, in the historical notes which accompany his table of ministers, after having given Richard Blyman, 1648, & Gersham Bulkley, removed in 1668, he introduces Simon Bradstreet as ord. Oct. 5, 1670, died 1683, Church males 12, says "There seems to have been no church formed in New London until the ordination of Mr. Bradstreet & it is probable that neither Mr. Blyman nor Mr. Bulkley were installed or ordained in the Town." The sermons I have in Mes. are antedated to 1670, the time of ordination, & marked New London. So that certainly in 1666 Mr. S. Bradstreet preached at New London, the year fixed for the removal of Bulkley. Can no better account be given of this succession. No Church till 3 years after Bradstreet's preaching? Why does Mr. T. say that G. Bulkley was installed at Wethersfield in 1666, if he had not been ordained. If ordained any where would he preach at New London without a Church? Is it probable that he settled at W. as soon as he left New London? As S. Bradstreet preached in 1666 is it not probable that he left some time before? How came it that he resigned the ministry next year after his installation & yet lived 36 years & died at 78, & yet many years he resigned, without notice of his ministry only for one year?

2. Saturday departed this life Widow Susanna Becket,* aet. 90 years. She was born in April 1714, was married in early life & had several children, none of whom survived her. Her daughter Mason, died aet. 66, 1800. Her son Christopher, aet. 51, 1792, her daughter Ward, aet. 60, 1797, & the maiden daughter who lived with her in 1800, aet. 67. The other children, 3 sons, William, John & Benjamin, before I came to Salem in 1783. She married at 17, had seven children, her husband died & left the children young. She undertook to keep school, educated her children & brought up the Orphan Child of her son Benjamin, five of whom survived her. She gave up her school, but reassumed it again & continued it the last time 37 years, till the death of her daughter Lydia in 1800, & from that time has lived in her own house in Essex street near Hardy street, with her G. son John, son of Benjamin, who has become proprietor of the Mansion house. She was disposed to leave the school from a supposed disagreement with her health. For the twenty years I have known her she has possessed remarkable health, was rather corpulent, active & possessed all her faculties till the close of life without any sensible diminution. Possessed strong passions, but was very agreeable. Not in the least tinctured with superstition, tho' she was pious & fixed in all habits, from which she never deviated in any regard. She was chearful, of strong memory, & agreeable in

*Susanna Beckett, married Jan. 11, 1732, John Babblidge.

all companies. In a very regular, equal, & active life, she had enjoyed an uncommon health for the last half of her life. Her natural faculties were superiour. Mind not cultivated by reading, and she had not changed her first modes of instruction, or added anything to it. She taught reading & sewing for domestic purposes tho' the latter branch had devolved, since I have known her, upon her daughter. She was a good and constant knitter of stockings, & on this as an amusement she continued till the close of life. Some repairs in the house induced her to consent to be removed to her g. daughter Archer's in Walnut street. She walked to her new habitation. A Week before her death she was seized with a peripneumony, in a few days after she left home. Her dissolution was painful but she never lost her powers of mind, her presence of mind, or her self command till death arrested her. She may be considered as an uncommon example of firmness, strength of mind, & of exemplary piety. The number of children she has educated is very great & the public esteem in which she is held is very sincere. Ninety years are seldom spent more usefully, more virtuously, or more happily, & it seems impossible to imagine with less appearance of decay, in her countenance, conversation, vivacity, memory, senses or understanding.

3. Sunday. Notes. Benjamin Waters, d. of his sister Lucia at Beverly. Edward Stanley & wife, d. of her sister Lucia Waters. On the subject of Consociation of Churches nothing was ripened into a plan. Mr. Foster of Lyttleton, wished to have something done to strengthen Mutual Councils, as I found by private conversation, but he spoke for himself. Dr. Kirkland observes the State had done everything proper in that case. The truth seems to be the influx of Methodists & Baptists has disturbed all the Clergy. These sects have an evident coöperation not assisted by the laws but by their condition in the minority. The Baptists & Methodists will divide as they have done in England as soon as they cease to feel their condition depressed. Lost in the mass of dissenters in England, they have a common cause with the Dissenters but the Whitefield & Westleian Methodists are a part, as are the close & Open Communion Baptists. Indeed the Baptists in England have no more connection than the Congregational Ministers in Massachusetts. Mr. F[oster] gives me a very unkind opinion of the late conduct at Fitchburg. Mr. Worcester settled to dissolve the union at the request of parties by agreement, but in the written contract had a mutual council. He took the Church as he found it & afterwards excommunicated those who opposed the new articles in it. And then, having excommunicated the aggrieved, he made the minority of the whole, the majority. Young, the ejected Baptist from Beverly, has left Cape Ann. Revd. John Payson, deranged for a long time, put an end to his existence. That whole family have discovered a strong

tendency to derangement. Payson was at Fitchburg. No doubt intemperance, in the last case consequent on the malady, aggravated it.

5. Made my first visit to Nahant, for this season. Carried with me H[annah] C[rowninshield] & Betsey Webb. The day was delightful. The small fish were not yet in plenty round the rocks, so that we did not attempt angling. The Lobsters were few & small. Only three were taken this afternoon. We dined & supped & left Nahant at 6 p. m. The town is building at the Western Head, & receives company.* We did not visit it but kept at our own old place, friend Breed's on the Great Nahant.

6. Arrangements making for the Celebration of the 4 July. Application for a person to assist in the devotions of the day. It is in our favour that the Amendment of the Constitution has been so fully adopted in South Carolina, & unanimously in Georgia. We have hopes of New Hampshire & then the opposition will be small indeed.

8. For the first time this year plunged in the Ocean. Since I have been less frequent in bathing, I have felt greater debility. Great repairs upon Bridge street formerly ferry lane. The Newbury Turnpike progresses, but at great expence. It is said it will be nigher from Salem to Newbury by Topsfield bridge, several miles.

9. A New School upon the plan of the 1000 D. School opened last year under Knap has been opened for 900 dollars under Rogers. The public schools are most poorly furnished with Instructors, especially the Grammar School. Much has been said of the Marblehead 5 representatives in Salem Gazette in order to discourage the town from the increase of its members, by which the opposition suffer in the Legislature. A Vessel reached us this day from St. Domingo. She escaped the French by going round Jamaica into the Gulph & so homewards. Friend Philips with me at 86, in comfort. His brother 88. His Mother died 100. He was a ship Carpenter, an even, temperate man.

10. Sunday. Notes. John Babbidge & wife & Brethren & Sisters, d. of G. Mother Babbidge, friends absent. Susanna Becket, d. of her Sister in Law Babbidge, friends at sea. Anna Kenny, d. of her Husband, drowned entering in harbour, thrown overboard by the boom, pr. for her mother sick & pr. for a son at sea. Dr. Eliot of Boston, in his sermon upon the completion of the house of worship for the New North Religious Society, 2 May, has given the history of the Society. The First House was built in 1714, & fourteen substantial Mechanics undertook the building, & the first sermon was by J. Bernard, afterwards Minister of Marblehead. 15 Members signed the Covenant of the New North Church. Mr.

*Until this time there were but three houses on Nahant all occupied by members of the Society of Friends.

Webb died 1750, aet. 63. First deacons, Caleb Lyman & John Barret, S. Townsend chosen, but declined. John Dixwell afterwards chosen, a descendant of the famous Dixwell who fled from Ch. II. In 1720 Ruling Elders were chosen & John Baker, Caleb Lyman, & John Dixwell were chosen. Mr. Thacher died in 1739, Pastor from his installation 19 years. Born in Boston & had honours of Cambridge in 1696. The number of persons who joined the New Church from 1714 to 1804, 90 years, was 1129, not including communicants from other churches, or professors not communicants who were 702 in number. Baptisms 6176.

11. Spent the morning in the newly arranged Museum of the East India Society in the New Room. They have spared no pains to supply & to decorate it. On one Chimney is painted the landing of Plymouth & on another the launching of the Essex with devices. There is a delineation of the Cape of Good Hope, & of *Wampum in China. They have the Eastern dresses & arms. Many American curiosities. A good collection of shells & some valuable things in natural History. Upon the whole their progress has been great & their success equal to any attempt in our country. They have many hundred Articles happily displayed. They have a painting of Capt. Cook done at the expence of the Society by Mr. Corné.

12. Spent at Allen's farm on the Neck. Have been fond of taking two girls with me, but find that they are better governed alone, & therefore on every future excursion I shall adopt the safest mode to save myself much trouble. They got into a boat, & were in great hazard. I have never found trouble from one always with me.

13. At 2 P. M. cry of fire in a small shop of two stories, below Walnut street at the new bridge passing into Water Street. The upper part being a Cabinet Maker's shop was almost entirely consumed. Delivered notices of the Quarterly meeting of our Fire Club. Died after complaints of declining health, at last suddenly, William Northey, aet. 70. He was born in Salem, of the Society of Friends, & was educated in the occupation of his Father as a Goldsmith, tho' he wrought in all the common work of metals, as a Tinman, pewterer, as original ingenuity would suggest in a trade, of which a single branch could promise by a very insufficient support. In the old French war he fell in readily with the taste of the Seamen in their buttons, buckles, &c. & had a great run of business, & placed himself in easy circumstances. In the American war he was not so unyielding as the Sect of Friends & adventured among his fellow citizens in depredations in English Commerce & was therefore "read out" by his sect to which he had no partiality, excepting in regard to simplicity of opinions. He still worshipped with the sect & died in their affec-

*Whampoa.

tions. He served the Town, faithful in every important trust, & was President of the board of Selectmen when Gen. Washington visited Salem in 1789, Oct. 29 & welcomed him in the language of a Friend. "Friend W. Welcome to Salem." A few years before his death he bought the Cherry Farm, Marblehead side, 3 miles from Salem on Lynn bounds, formerly belonging to Col. Fowle & lately to Capt. Dixey, & there he spent his last days & died. He married a Collins of Lynn, of whom it may be said, she has not her superiour among women in her character of life. They have one son living. Friend Northey was always esteemed an honest, blunt, but hard dealer. In conversation he was ready but dry in his replies. Seized characters easily & entertained all men in their own way happily. He was hospitable & yet never imposed upon. He could get rid of men as inoffensively as he could entertain them. A fund of humor, a consistency of character, an equality of temper, when not suddenly provoked & then he easily recovered himself, & never scrupled to confess his fault in the most public manner. He was original in his manners & thoughts, & if he sometimes speculated freely, he acted honourably. In his retired life, away from the free intercourse of life, he did not grasp his hours so prudently as might have been wished, but no excess deprived him of the confidence, esteem & preference he had secured in his active life. He was tormented by obstructions in the urinary passages & died without much notice, at the moment, tho' last week in town he said he should never go into it again. He was of fine proportions. Large but not corpulent. His large hat & wig gave him distinction as well as his flowing wit. He could assume the most grave manners & in his first humour never appeared to trifle. 40 Carriages were in his funeral procession & he was interred in the friends grounds in Lynn.

14. This day I attended Friend Northey's funeral. Persons of every character in life attended & he was with great respect carried to his grave. Among all the Friends in this vicinity no one could compare with him in strength of mind, comprehensive views of men & manners, & in established reputation for integrity of mind. He was much beyond human nature in form & mind & never failed to secure respect from all men. Few of our citizens appear to profit from leaving their native soil, especially in old age. From my heart I did respect & reverence Friend Northey. Attended our Fire Club meeting at the Sun Tavern as Clerk.

15. We learn that the Republicans applied for the North Meeting House on 4 July, but were refused upon the plea of present repairs. I have not heard the wonderful history of this event. The Clergy &c. met last Tuesday.

17. Sunday. Samuel Mead, lately of lower Danvers, has been installed in Amesbury, on 6 June. Revd. Wadsworth of Danvers preached.

19. Our dear Republican friends have waited leisurely for the North Meeting house proprietors to refuse the house on 4 July. They seem as leisurely to be going in with their next request at the Old Church. The protest in Mass. Legislature against the General Ticket employs many pens at the present time. Vessels fitting out for St. Domingo. The Land purchased to enlarge the Meeting House, by Capt. B. Hodges, but not much notice from it.

21. The subject of Meeting House is now our domestic theme. The old Church was addressed in writing & a direct refusal was the answer. The matter interests the public & gives a more definite strength to party. The Rep. are now excluded from the houses in which they worship.

22. This day I finished my 45 year. My Spanish books on Purgatory returned the fifth time. Nobody in Havanna would even accept them. They say such books would do formerly.

23. Application was made by the friends of our General Government for the Meeting Houses in the other part of the Town, & it was unsuccessful. Then application was made for the East Meeting House. Six of the Committee were in Town. Four were for granting leave, & two against it. The four in favour were Capt. B. Hodges, Capt. E. Allen, Capt. J. Becket, & Samuel Ropes. The two against it Capt. Gamaliel Hodges & Lieut. John Babbidge. Such things deserve a record as they may serve for an admonition.

24. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Webb & wife, d. of her mother & pr. for Brethren at Sea. Anna Kenny, d. of her mother & pr. for her son at sea. Nancy Welman in the apprehensions of death. George Newell & wife for delivery, & upon d. of the Child. Jonathan Smith & wife, delivery, & death of the Child.

27. The competitions in the celebration of the 4th July make exertions necessary. The Rep. have been as far as Lexington for music. A subscription is abroad to pay for it. No pains will be spared. What the arrangements are to be must be determined when they exist.

29. Preparations at home for the celebration of the 4 July. As we are in competition it will undoubtedly produce more than ever was done before in Salem. The strength of parties at home has given Mr. Jefferson some respite in this part of America. In the newly acquired Countries affairs are in a pleasing way.

July 1 [1804]. Sunday. Notes. James Carrol & wife, him sick, pr. for Br. & friend at sea. An invitation was given to Revd. D. Hopkins of this town to preach the Annual Sermon before the Salem Female Asylum Society. He declined after much hesitation on account of his age. This measure was adopted by the rule of the oldest first, tho' a younger man who had taken the first turn had advised it. Application was then made to Revd. Mr. Fisher,

Episc. Minister. He declined because he had not time, was unwell, &c. The next minister was sick. The friends of Mr. D. Hopkins have urged his acceptance. This singular management does not explain enough to the people the folly of being duped by absurd rules, & absurd & shiftless men. For the Court no Clergyman was provided. I could not feel disposed so soon after being carried to Court for contempt. No person was obtained.

3. I was at Spring Pond & the Country adjacent looking for flowers to decorate the house on the Celebration. Mr. Freeman* & wife spent the Day with me yesterday & left me in the evening. My intimate acquaintance with him through life has ensured the greatest respect. He much declines preaching abroad, after the warmest solicitations. He preached by change of pulpit with me many years ago & has not exchanged in that manner since. His peculiar situation with his Liturgy & Church, has placed him in a separate state, so that no intercourse with him can be direct. He is on a journey to Newburyport.

4. INDEPENDANCE. The Day was fair & was opened with the discharge of Cannon & the ringing of the Bell. The number of Cannon discharged was uncommon & the roar began at 3 o'clock. At 10, was the order of Procession. In the morning a collection of Ladies of Taste began the decoration of the Meeting House. The Gallery was festooned, the Pillars wreathed & every flower of the season displayed itself. The front of the Pulpit was decorated with the arms of the United States, inscribed American Independance. Below was an elegant engraving of Jefferson, who was also displayed on the front gallery, on glass in gold. On his right hand was Washington & on his left a beautiful figure of Liberty. On the sides of the Arms of the State were in Gold, Madison & Gallatin, below Gen. Gates, the immortal hero of the Northern Army. To give a presence to our venerable ancestors on the interesting occasion a Painting of the venerable Gov. Endicott & another of the worthy Gov. Leverett, both done by M. Corné, an Italian, appeared on the right, & on the left the paintings of the worthy Higginson, Minister of Salem, who died aged 93 & was 70 years in the ministry, & Capt. George Corwin, the first Merchant of Salem & first Master of Horse in New England, the man who gave character which has so long distinguished Salem. The G. Son of Mr. Corwin, who was in the ministry, was present in a painting done in Salem. In the front below, in a Bust cut by Mr. Macintire, an ingenious artist of Salem, was Gov. Winthrop & a likeness taken by Haslitt. The ornaments were displayed with great judgment & excellent effect. The Cadets under Capt. Israel Williams had consented to do the honours of the day & a good band from Lexington had been engaged. Precisely at eleven the procession formed at the Court House, with

*Rev. James Freeman, minister of King's Chapel, Boston.

the Cadets & Band in front, then the Orator, & Committee, & the Citizens, two & two, till they reached the East Meeting House. 500 were in the procession & 1300 upon the Seats. The Music opened with *Rise Columbia*. Then was read the 124 Psalm, & a Prayer by the Minister of the Congregation. It was his object to express gratitude to God for Jefferson's administration. Mr. Joseph Story, a Gentleman of the Law, delivered an Oration. It was highly poetical & with unnumbered Classical allusions & with some very just remarks. It gave great satisfaction. Before the Oration the 100 Psalm, Tate & Brady's version, was sung in Luther's Old Hundred. After the oration, was sung the Ode adopted to the Day by the Orator to the tune *Anacreon in heaven*. After one we returned through Essex Street as we went down & were escorted to the Ship Tavern & then were furnished with an elegant dinner. The Company unanimously gave their thanks to Capt. Israel Williams for the very honourable manner in which he did the military honours of the day & can never forget him. They voted also their best acknowledgments to the Ladies who contributed very liberally to the decorations of the House. After the Toasts the Republicans dispersed. The Cannon roared till Sundown, & the Evening was illumined with Rockets, & the Band gave great pleasure to the Company collected on Washington Square. The Opposition had a procession, Oration, Entertainment, &c. of which I must obtain an account from their Gazette, as of that non pars sui. It must be observed that in the Meeting House great good order obtained among the Republicans.

5. This afternoon about 3 o'clock came up a Thunder shower. The clouds rose very confusedly. The Clouds in the Southwest which rose with the wind met the clouds which rose in the north. Their discharge was not over the town but two miles below in the offing. Five young persons were fishing a mile below Hospital point, in a two mast boat. The lightning struck the fore mast, split the block & passed down upon a young man named Samuel Gray, æt. 14, passed through a straw hat he had upon his head making a hole of an inch, struck him just below the right ear, which was near the mast, opened a passage, then passed over his body & passed over the side of the boat. He died instantly. The Blood was forced from the eyes, mouth & nose, so as to give no hope of recovery. He was rowing near the foremast. The veins on the head were as distinctly ramified & displayed as by any possible injection. The rain descended in torrents for the short time it lasted & as the day before had been very warm, 80 degrees at sunrise, so it became calm & hot after the rain, but became more cool towards midnight. A boy employed at the Cannon of the Opposition had 2 fingers shot off by the discharge of a gun on Orne's wharf. 438 dollars were collected for his relief.

9. We have the news of the death of Revd. Josiah Stevens

sent as a Preacher & Schoolmaster to Isles of Shoals, set. 60. In the absence of Dr. B. I attended the funeral of young G[ray] killed by lightning. A large procession formed on the occasion. A good character given of the youth.

7. A boy belonging to Burroughs was drowned at the North Bridge this day. The tide set in strong & he could not be recovered till the tide fell. The second loss in the course of one week. It is not a small disappointment we feel upon the loss of Mr. Stevens, mentioned last Friday. He had given great satisfaction to the people on the Isles of Shoals & had done much good & such good as was proposed by the persons who were most active to procure this aid of charity for the suffering people. He had a commission from Mass. & N. H. for the peace by which he could much serve the people. He had been long enough to be fixed for life, as we hoped, & as we expected a long life. Capt. Knap of Newburyport, who trades on the Island, & D[udley] A[tkins] Tyng, who has directed the charity, have given me the best assurances. As it is my present intention to visit the Island in person, I probably shall obtain more particular information from the inhabitants.

10. My friend Judge Winthrop with me from Cambridge. He boasts a theory of life different from mine. He says he intends to purchase every thing with ease, I by labour. He uses little exercise, drinks even his wine hot, & hot water at all times. I have no favour for his plan, as leading to indolence, to irritation, & to irregularity. I propose exercise as the way to get free air & temperance in a good appetite. I propose regular hours as a necessary slavery of appetite for the freedom of the mind. I propose some severity of choice, that I may better bear it of necessity. I feel my worst evils from those habits in which inclination suffered no force. And I find it easier to endure the greater evils, I have ever felt from my present restraints, than to resist my untutored & early propensities. Had not my friend betrayed in early life very great excentricity, I should think more kindly of his theory which is rather a convention than a direct conquest, agreed on but not yet signed. The G[rand] Officers of Mass. gone on to meet the G[rand] L[odge] of N. H. at Newburyport at a Consecration. Their Chaplain did not accompany them, Mr. Ripley. Mr. Hanks of Dorchester could not. I excused myself on account of the Meeting of the Female Asylum on the same day.

11. This afternoon was given to the Annual Sermon of the Female Asylum. All the ministers are to preach in course. Mr. D[aniel] Hopkins was our Preacher. I do not wonder Infidelity has its sneers. It is often uncandid in its temper & it had every incentive to indulge its ridicule. The sum collected was 247 dollars which was 73 dollars less than on the last occasion. Mrs. Von Hagen was at the organ & her music was mellow, but the

vocal music harsh enough. I pity a good performer in such circumstances. The assembly was not so full as on the last, which was the first public entertainment. Very much must be attributed to the procession for the public entertainment. Dr. Colman deserves credit as the Parent of this Charitable Project in New England.

13. Subscriptions have been opened under the patronage of Mr. Philips of Andover, for a turnpike from Andover to Salem. The cross roads from Salem into the interior, unless you pass in a circuitous route, are the worst in any of the Old Towns of Massachusetts from the poverty of the interjacent towns & the little attention paid to inland communication.

14. The News has reached us that the Celebrated Gen. Hamilton had engaged in a duel with Col. Burr, Vice P. of U. S. & that Hamilton had been dangerously wounded. Attended the funeral this week, from the Charity House, of Mathew Joseph, about 50 years of age. He was born in the Island of Tercera,* came many years ago to Salem & had boarded at Mrs. Holt's, Needham's, & died at Bolton's in Watson's old house, head of Union street, Essex s. He was very intemperate.

15. Sunday. Dr. Stillman, the Baptist, in Salem this day. Note. Hannah Carrol & children, d. of her husband. The Solemnities of the G[rand] L[odge] at Newbury Port were without any Chaplain from Mass. The parties of the Town did not agree in the character of the performances. Mess. Richards & Willard assisted from Portsmouth, & Mr. Morse of the town. St. Mark's Lodge makes the third Master's Lodge in Newbury Port. We have but one Lodge in Salem, which has a good character, but this is not derived from masonic zeal or masonic duty. It is an association of sober men, who admit no liquor into the Lodge & want none out of it. The severe scrutiny & the frequent rejection of Candidates keeps the number small & the G[rand] L[odge] are too much afraid to dissolve the Essex Lodge & the E[sex] L[odge] will not exist if any other is constituted in the Town while it has its present members & its present maxims.

20. Arrived, the Schooner in which Capt. Samuel Ingersoll sailed. He died on his passage homewards, æt. 60. It has been uncommon that a man of his independance should hazard voyages in a small Vessel in the West India business. He was a man of good temper, a good neighbour & citizen. His only son Ebenezer, went his mate, & now lies sick at the quarantine ground. This evening died also Capt. John Berry, æt. 70, in Daniels street. In the latter part of life he was an Inspector in the Customs, what we formerly called a [tide] waiter. Of late years he has been married to a woman in the other part of the town & has not been connected with us. He had been infirm for some time. Yes-

*One of the Azores.

terday morning, immediately upon his return in the Ship Henry, Smith, from Batavia, died Charles Elias Mottey, æt. 19, the only Son of Revd. Joseph Mottey of Lynnfield. He possessed all the sweetness of his Father, was desirous of a voyage to sea & went upon favourable terms, but has returned to die. The exquisite sensibility of the father has called out an uncommon degree of sympathy.

22. Sunday. At one o'clock this day died in his Schooner Peacock, Capt. Ebenezer Ingersoll, æt. 23. He went to the W. I. with his Father, upon their passage homeward, soon after sailing 3 July, the son was taken sick after great labour to discover a leak in the Schooner. The father became anxious & was taken on the 8th & died on the 15th. The Son was living when the Sch. reached the Quarantine ground, Salem, on 20th & lived till 22d. The son they enjoyed as their chief hope has been dead several years. A daughter remains. Capt. S. Ingersoll was friendly, quiet, & industrious. His plans were within the compass of his means, & his frugality made his success rich to him. He died possessed of some property from his own diligence, but more from inheritance. His lands were retained with that singular attachment which distinguished the family of Hathorne. I spent no where the social hour, & enjoyed in no house with more pleasure the friendly pipe, than at Capt. Ingersoll's. The Camp meetings still exist. An attempt was made to disturb one by some loose fellows in Virginia. A civil prosecution followed. This tended to correct the licentiousness of the youth, & it tended to expose the Camp meetings to more serious investigation & to render more precise the public opinion respecting their tendency in civil societies.

23. This day we buried Capt. Ebenezer Ingersoll. The Body was brought from Hospital point & the bells of the Town tolled. The Procession was from point of rocks to the grave yard at the Pest House on Roach's point.

24. I went to Marblehead to visit Mrs. Ropes. Her children from Salem accompanied me. We passed from Crowninshield's wharf to Naugus & then passed over into Marblehead. I dined with Mr. Ropes. Saw Mr. Story & family, Revd. Blowers, Mr. Mansfield, &c. Returned to Salem by the Stage. A fine view from the eastern rock of the Old Burying Ground. Saw the women washing at the pond near. A sight no where else to be had in New England. Great improvements in roads.

28. Sunday. Notes. Susanna Ingersoll & daughter & friends, d. of her Husband & son. Abigail Berry, d. of her Brother John Berry, æt. 70. Charles Steele, d. of his Father Alexander Steele, Bookbinder, Boston, æt. 60. John Perkins & family for him very sick. Great preparations are making for the raising of two meeting Houses in this Town. One in Brown street near the new Burying Ground, & the other in Cambridge street for the Inde-

pendants under Hopkins. The late visits of Drs. Stillman & Baldwin from Boston, have given great encouragement to the Baptists in this town. They consider themselves as established & are to enlarge their meeting house. At present I find myself quiet, but I know not for how long time. Zeal, prudence, sincerity & diligence are required against the outrages of sects.

August 2, 1804. This afternoon went with the family of Lane, Barker, & Neighbours in Capt. Allen's Boat to Naugus Head. We caught fish & had coffee besides ale at M. Morse's. I walked down by Pierce's on the road going to Orne's island cove & returned by Peache's point & the shore to my companions. I never had been over this ground before.

3. This day I went to Boston to attend the fun[eral] of my Father's sister, Mary Haydon, æt. 68. My Father has two Sisters living, Widows Farmer & Wheat. I went to see the celebrated arch found at Lewis's wharf not far from Hancock's wharf. The grate of iron was supported on four feet of a foot in height by which it was secured to the brick work I could guess nothing of its design, & no person could inform me. Some guessed to run goods, others to deposit goods. Its entrance was N. E. & it ran parallel with the shore 50 feet. It is but a small depth under ground & probably soon became useless. My G. Father was born in the neighbourhood & is above 80 years of age & he can give no account of it. Others have been found formerly & one in Lynn street was to be seen in ruins since my day. But I cannot say that tradition can fairly explain them especially in the position of the present discovered arch. Something may be discovered.

4. Returned this morning to Salem. In conversation with Dr. Eliot last evening I got nothing respecting the arch. He told that Mrs. Crocker, d. of Dr. Mather, pretended to some knowledge, but as he conceived it of no consequence he did not repeat what she had said but pronounced it a Matherism. On Lynn Marshes near the Turnpike, saw a drowned woman. She had been in Salem Charity house, was from England, & a vagabond, seen intemperate. Such a fact but a few years ago would have filled the public mind with horror.

5. Sunday. [Note]. John Perkins & family, him sick. Son at sea. Camp meetings still repeated. At Bridgeport, Vermont, 2 days in prayer, 3 thousand assembled, 12 ministers, 5 sermons. Joshua Spaulding of this town, lately among them. 800 communicants & 1000 said to have been added to the Churches in the western part of Vermont in consequence of these meetings.

8. This week the Crowninshield's offered their Wharf, in the string of the Long Wharf, for sale, but no purchase was made. Capt. Collins in Turner street, offers his estate for sale by Vendue next Tuesday, in 4 Lots. This estate lays at the Old Marblehead

ferry ways on Salem side. It seems the Town has lost its right in it.

10. One Perkins, a most noted drunkard, drowned at last. For twenty years he has been the greatest I ever knew. His escapes have been wonderful, as he feared no dangers & avoided no excesses. He had lived above half a century. As bad as Perkins, was the heaviest charge against any man. In Gray, Dawson, & others we have proof how long the constitution will bear such abuse.

11. An invitation with Dr. Eliot & Dr. Kirkland, Revd. Emerson & Judge Dawes to spend Tuesday at Jeremiah Allen's farm Lynn side. These parties are pleasant. This day I passed over the harbour to Naugus & entertained some young females at Mrs. Morse's with her noted cake & ale.

12. Sunday. Note. Nancy Welman, dang. sick.

14. Lately our county has abounded in Lombardy poplars. The rage for them was excessive,* just as it was above 30 years ago for the Locust. Whole fields have been planted with them. Most extravagant tales have been told about the worms that infest them as poisonous & false reports inculcated that whole towns have combined to destroy them. It would not be extraordinary if this sudden alarm should be fatal to the poplars without any further investigation. It is agreed that their beauty & quick growth are their best recommendation.

15. I went to Boston to attend the funeral of Dr. [Simeon] Howard. The audience was attentive not crowded. Dr. Lathrop made the first prayer, & several hymns were sung by the Congregational Choir, without instrumental music. President Willard preached upon Faithfulness, & gave the outline of his character as he knew it. Dr. Howard took his first degree at Cambridge in 1758 & was a respondent at the Commencement, then a tribute of respect. He afterwards was employed in School keeping as is usual with Candidates for the ministry, especially when obliged to support themselves after having finished their Collegiate education. He then went to Nova Scotia & preached & was invited to settle, but declined & returned to Massachusetts. He then, as many did, took a residence in the College & was chosen Tutor at the time the present President held the same office. He continued 9 months in this office. In July, 1766, died Dr. Mayhew, æt. 46, and Mr. Howard was ordained his successor, 6 May, 1768. He afterwards became a Fellow of the Corporation of Harvard College, a member of the Academy, & a very much respected minister. The President entered upon no part of his literary character or pursuits, but bore full testimony to the universal esteem of his private character, & expressed himself very affectionately respecting his own personal friendship. Dr. Howard married the widow of his

*For extended account see Essex Antiquarian, Vol. II, p. 61.

Predecessor, Dr. Mayhew, & had children by her. She was the daughter of John Clarke of the Council of Boston. His second wife, that has survived him, was the d. of the Revd. Gay of Hingham. Mrs. Wainwright, d. of Dr. Mayhew, survived him as well as one Son, a Physician, which Dr. Howard had by his first wife. This son had been unsuccessful in trade, so far as my own knowledge extends. I found Dr. Howard in the ministry when I entered the Schools in Boston & experienced from him all that candour a young man needs. He was in the Corporation while I was in the immediate government of the University at Cambridge, & I found him steady, firm, & useful in the most trying times. I had repeatedly preached in his pulpit & have heard him often when young. His congregation was small, but attentive & affectionate. The steeple was taken down & the house much injured during the siege of Boston as he & his predecessor went warmly into the measures of the Province. But with a few years such have been the rapid settlements in West Boston that the House has been too small for the numerous hearers who were disposed to be present in it. It is probable it will soon be rebuilt & enlarged. In his family he was the most discreet of men. As a friend sincere, as a Pastor kind & affectionate. In the pulpit he had no address. In his prayers which were from the memory he was apt to hesitate upon every attempt to express any thing accommodated to special occasions. He had a thin visage, mild, but not graceful countenance, & not an erect posture, & easy manners in the pulpit. His sermons were methodical. They who heard him most thought he combined the manner of S. Clarke with that of H. Groves. He quoted & methodised as the first, & expressed himself as the latter. A few of his occasional sermons are before the public, but perhaps not fully expressive of his usual manner. He never published upon any literary or controversial subject. Indeed he does not so much class among Scholars as among those excellent professional men whom we admire after a long life spent in doing good, without enemies, competition, or faults, & who appear to have done much good without being much known except to their best friends. Probably some character will be drawn which will give more dates than are at present recollected. Few men can be more useful in such a station as Dr. H[oward] held, & no man can be more sincerely beloved. He was in the 71 year of his age at his death, 13 Aug. 1804, & in the 37 year of his ministry. He had not the superiour intellectual powers of Dr. McClintock, nor his uncommon pulpit talents, nor his dignity in private life, nor his richness of conversation, nor his mild accent, but he had a situation which embraced all his virtues & rendered him very useful to the world. Dr. H[oward] has everything to develope him, Dr. [McC[lintock] everything from himself. The one was at the Capital with every aid, the

other burst the darkness around him & was eminent in the most obscure station. The One was in affluence & abundance, the other was in poverty & yet gave 5 years salary in the war & maintained himself upon a farm that he hired, while he rose to every duty. The one was loaded with honours, the other sacrificed every hope & the most generous offers to the obligation of his parish contract. The one was buried with funeral pomp, while the other expressly forbid every ceremony but of his burial. Both men deserving of the highest approbation.

16. After proper visits I spent a few hours in Dr. Mather's Library. Still without a catalogue, I could only gratify my curiosity as some accident might tempt me. But I find it diminishes. I was indulged with specimens of the Sermons of the Four American Mathers in succession, Richard, Increase, Cotton & Samuel. And I took such specimens of the hand writing of the Boston & other Clergy as I had liberty to select. This was once the largest private Library in America. The heads of Richard, Increase, Cotton, Samuel of America, & of Samuel of Dublin, & of Nathaniel of London yet remain, but their situation does not promise their long preservation. That of Richard will soon be gone. It agrees as well as possible with my block print. That of Increase, in his old age, is a good picture & was called a likeness. Of Cotton the portrait much resembles Samuel, whom I intimately knew, but of Samuel's I cannot see & the family does not acknowledge the least resemblance. The others were probably great likenesses as they were taken upon the spot where the best artists dwelt. My small Increase is taken from the full length in the Historical's Society's collection, & that was taken while Increase was abroad on Colonial affairs in England, & was out of health.

17. Yesterday they began to raise the Meeting House in Cambridge street. They began with prayer & singing a hymn upon the frame. The new Meeting House labourers in Brown street have a hymn every morning. We have long complained of Romish superstition but a more exact imitation cannot exist. The laying of a Corner stone has much innocent ceremony, because it has much order, pomp, procession & is an act which secures at the Commencement a union in the Builders & a spirit, & therefore it is adopted in all public buildings for whatever lawful purpose. Solomon was content with a solemn dedication & in this has been uniformly followed. Tho' in this our Fathers only chose the first day of stated public worship.

18. Yesterday the French Consul & M. Monville of St. Domingo spent the day with me. The Consul has much curiosity. Mr. Monville has lost his plantation at Aux Cayes, his slaves, & the remainder of his family has been assassinated. Upon my first coming to Salem he had a son under my care, who has since died at Baltimore. They visited the Museum of the East India Marine Society.



THE SOUTH CHURCH, SALEM.

This edifice designed by Samuel McIntire and erected in 1804, was destroyed by fire in 1903.

19. Sunday. Notes. Anna Browne & children, d. of d. Welman, pr. son & fr. at sea. Mercy Welman & family, d. of d. in law Welman, pr. for son & friends at sea. This morning died Captain John Becket, æt. 58. He descended from one of the most antient families of Salem & is the last son of John Becket. He has two sons & four daughters who survive him. He & his boy had a wonderful escape in the upsetting of the King's Boat, 1774, at which time his wife & many others were drowned. He first married a Browne in 1769, lost her in 1774, living with her 5 years, 1 child left; then an Ingersoll in 1775, she died in 1790 & left five children, 2 sons, 15 years; then a Dean in 1791 who has survived him having lived with him 13 years. He was small in person, very active, agreeable in company. An excellent singer, & relished birthdays as he used to call them. He bore a good character, was a good husband, father & friend. For thirty years he took the lead in the Singing Seats of the East meeting house & for many years was of the Committee of that house. Three years ago he had a paralytic shock, from which he suffered much in every respect & he finally died in a state of extreme debility. His eldest Child married a Babbidge. He was one of our most agreeable & useful men. He has four sisters who survive him, three of whom are widows, but all in our neighbourhood. By his occupation Capt. B[ecket] was a Boat builder. His Commission was in the Militia. He was out in the Jersies in the American War as a Volunteer.

22. They are still raising the Cambridge street Meeting House. The Tabernacle which is the largest now standing is 78 by 62 feet; this is to be 80 by 66; Branch 62 by 74. The Porch is to be 40 feet by 20. The height of the Steeple I have not yet ascertained. Capt. Joseph White last week visited the Isles of Shoals. He gives a deplorable account of their situation. As the most dirty, intemperate, & shameful race of men. This was his native place, but he has entirely lost all affection towards it. He went in an open boat, tarried but 2 hours upon the Island & returned next day.

23. The case of George Ellison has been singular. From some internal obstruction, 26 months before he died, he was seized with violent pains in the head & with numbness in the limbs, with intervals of ease till finally he perished in convulsions attended with paralysis. His father was an uncommonly short man, & may not the whole be in the original formation. I know not the opinion of the Physicians. Many have been called in town & country without effect. By their practice I suspect whether they comprehended the cause.

25. The Floor of the Branch Meeting House, Browne street laid. A Child of Capt. Peabody, Merchant of Salem, drowned this day at noon at his wharf, æt. 10. Mr. Archer's Child died

this day. It appeared to have the Erysipelas in many symptoms but it had some other which the Physicians could not explain. It had great swelling beginning in a pustula as it appeared on the lip, & extending over the right side of the face, with a complaint in the side. Was it not anthrax?

26. Sunday. Notes. Sarah Becket & children, d. of her husband, pr. for son at sea. William Peale & wife & sisters, d. of her Brother Becket, pr. for sons & friends at sea. Susanna Ellison, d. of her husband, pr. for friends at sea. Benjamin Bray & wife, d. of her Br. G. Ellison, pr. for Brothers at sea. Benjamin Silver & wife, d. of their youngest child.

27. The Annual visitation of the Schools. Dr. Bernard prayed & Mr. Worcester exhorted. The precise number of Scholars present not announced. Mr. Gray's read best, Hacker's wrote best. Nothing uncommon. Col. Harthorne presided. A General attendance of the Officers of the Town. It was mentioned in conversation that as in Boston the Gentlemen dine together on such occasions as a method to obtain a conference upon the subjects of the day.

29. The new Commencement day. I did not visit Cambridge this day but rode to visit for the first time the New Turnpike which is to pass from Newburyport to Boston. I entered it upon Newhall's plain in Lynnfield near Humphrey's Pond, which is now exposed to view, & the road passes on the southern side near its banks. It is a deep pond with an island said to contain seven acres. It has pleasant shores & contains about 200 acres probably. It has never been measured & its circumference is not exactly known. At present it abounds with fish & is uncommonly clear. Near it will be erected the Tavern house belonging to the Turnpike Company & the Cellar is already finished & the frame begun. So much of the Turnpike as fell under my view is very well finished, & public opinion is favourable to the execution. From this place I passed four miles to Revd. Joseph Mottey's, Lynnfield. He & I were ordained on the same day 24 Sept., 1783. He is one of the good men made up of all the tender sensibilities. I had not visited him before. He has lately lost his only son, upon his return from the Indies. He is very much depressed. I dined with him. Our first walk was into the grave yard where his wife & two children lay. His parochial relations are not the most happy. He settled orthodox. His head & heart were too pure to allow him any uncharitable opinions. In consequence he is suspected & the ignorant sects, & the Baptists at present are of this class, draw away the ignorant of a very small parish from him. He has 80£ a year. In this Parish have been three ministers before him. Sparhawk died at about 38, excentric. Chase removed after 20 years to great island near Portsmouth. B. Adams, quite a deranged man, died among them, æt. 58. I found here the grave of my old friend Dr.

John Perkins who came here in the siege of Boston & afterwards died here aged 84. He was in the circle of Franklin's acquaintance & published several little pamphlets on philosophical subjects. He was quite a self taught man. I possess several valuable books from his donation. I found one of the primitive names of Salem, Swinnerton, now lost from Salem proper. From Mr. Mottey's I proceeded through Reading old town, part of Stoneham, leaving the meeting house on the left to Woburn, & entered the town near the Meeting house. They have lately settled a Mr. Chickering. Their history has been that of a contentious people. Father Carter died in his charge. Dr. Appleton of Cambridge assured me of the troubles of Father Fox. Jackson was most scandalously used in a perjury which touched his reputation & was afterwards discovered & confessed. Sherman in my day, was popular, but to his fine person & ready elocution did not unite study or correct conduct & he left them. Then for years they heard candidates & finally settled a Mr. Sergeant whom they have dismissed. After a great number of candidates they have now agreed on Mr. Chickering & the consent is very great. But as in Jackson's day a little sect formed under Cotton which died upon the detection of Cotton's patron of the same name, so a sect of Baptists in the same part of the town have now a meeting house raised under Mr. Sergeant's ministry. It is small & may melt away. We had a view of the Middlesex canal. The waters are kept low for the benefit of the banks. We did not enter it. 27 years ago I preached several Sundays at Woburn, but I found my old friends gone. Master Fowle, a graduate at Cambridge, has died at fourscore. Mr. Burbeen a graduate above 90. Esqr Johnson at a great age, & Deacon Wyman. The most useful & active man in the town is Col. Baldwin who has superintended the work of the canal & been in the Legislature of the state. He has talents in agriculture. We found good accomodations at Parker's hotel, a new establishment at which the mail stages to Exeter & Haverhill stop. A most attentive family made our stay pleasant. I took my chaise & rode from Woburn through Medford to Cambridge. I found fewer changes in Medford & on the road than I expected. Indeed in no part of the vicinity of Boston fewer. As we passed the Powder house in Charleston we saw on both sides of the road a quarry of coarse slate & stone, which appeared to be discharged from the quartz in portions very fit for Cellars & some seemed capable of a higher use. We found that it had been applied for that use. At Cambridge we saw the foundations of the new College, which was raised as far as the first story. The multitude had not dispersed. Many sights remained. That of the box on which was the invisible Lady, was the most complete deception I ever witnessed. Judge Winthrop & Mr. Mellen were with me, but they did not drop a word about dis-

covery. I saw the Ostriches, Genet, Ichneumon, stuffed Lyon, &c. which were exhibited. After an hour with Mr. Winthrop & a visit to Mr. Hilliard's Book store, I went for Newton to dine with Rev. J[ames] Freeman my old chum at College. I found this best of men at his residence with his son in Law Clarke. On this road I found much improvement. The Sparhawk farm was in high cultivation & the buildings repaired. The Apthorp farm had recovered its former glory & the Bethune farm was in good order. Nonantum or Indian road was in a very good state & several new buildings were erected in this most healthy spot of New England. After dinner we returned to Cambridge from thence to Boston over West Boston Bridge in the greatest dust I ever witnessed.

31. In the morning I rode to Boston. The Bridge frames from Boston to Dorchester were nearly finished & most of them fixed in the bed of the River. The improvements in Dorchester & new roads gave a new face to the Country, which still was not deprived of its old landmarks. I visited the Academy for Young Ladies & received polite attentions from Mad. Saunders & Beach the Preceptresses. An hour was spent agreeably with Rev. Mr. Harris, who is about to publish his tour to the Ohio. We returned through Roxbury, & Revd. Mr. Porter politely introduced me to his new Meeting House. It is 68 by 81 feet exclusively of the Tower & porticos. The Galleries & House are entered at both ends by three doors in front, & two at the sides of the pulpit. It is beautifully arched, painted, & ornamented. A small gallery fills the arch over the front Gallery for the Negroes. The expence was amply paid by a liberal subscription discharged by the sale of the pews. From Roxbury we returned to Boston. The Boston part of the Neck is covered & the old fortifications long since abolished, mark no spot but to a few of the antient & nearest inhabitants.

September 2, 1804. Sunday. Notes. Barnabas Herrick & wife, d. of his Sister Witteridge at Beverly. Jona. Archer & wife & children, d. of his daughter, Son at sea. Mary Kane, d. of her sister Tarrant, æt. 66, in Salem. This day Mr. Spaulding preached upon the frame of the new Meeting House called the Branch. The number of hearers was considerably large on the occasion. Mr. Forbes of Cape Ann, has received a degree of D. D. at Cambridge this year. He has lately published a volume of Sermons & is among the most elderly of our Congregational Ministers. He was formerly settled at Brookfield.

5. Was our Annual meeting of the East Religious Society. It was agreed to raise the salary of the minister from 533D to 800. One Thousand dollars was tried & refused. It was agreed to make a general settlement of all accounts till that date so that all sums exceeding the salary should be considered as payments due & re-

cepted at the Treasury in full. And one hundred pounds of settlement remain yet unpaid. On the subject of repairing, enlarging or rebuilding the Meeting House much debate ensued & it was left to a Committee. Never was a warmer contest in the society.

6. The Steeple of the Cambridge Street Meeting House raised. Several ships above 300 tons burden launched. Two in Boston, one at Charleston. Two in the mouth of the Merrimac & one at Weymouth, notice given. Launched nearly together. Went this day to Naugus with some young friends.

7. Dean's Penmanship* has acquired some celebrity. The proposal of a great book upon the subject, a great display of the importance of J[ohn] Jenkin's method which the Ignorant pretender could not explain as I found, & the good talents of Dean have induced a prevalent opinion favourable to the new system, which ought to be transferred to the Master. It is now found that Dean has some good scholars & some bad ones. In the ratio of his own attention, not of his pretended system. Dean in his advertisement now says he cannot succeed with persons without genius or attention, which in truth is to consist that writing cannot be taught in his School without aptitude in the Scholars, but is taught there as every where else. In which attainment, forms, positions, figures may be comparatively good but are the least part of the help to make a good writer. In writing different languages the same positions of the body & fingers are not proper. The same instruments are endorsed & yet the Persian with his reed will excel all the world.

8. Serious complaints of drought. Reports of cutting down the corn for fodder in several places. The drought has been severe but not as severe as report makes it. I was this day at Nahant. They suffered not but declared they should have an excellent crop. They have vague reports from other places. In Boston they say they lay a Million bricks in the new buildings every week & no person is disposed to contradict it. The Wharves, the buildings, the streets, the bridges give something new upon every visit to this flourishing Capital. Charleston also reaps a benefit for its special share in the harbour & the towns in the vicinity are very flourishing.

9. Sunday. [Notes.] Margaret Swasey, d. of her sister Elizabeth Diman. Margaret is now in her 98 year & Elizabeth died at 89. Elizabeth had a child by Clifford Crowninshield, the G. Father of the present Crowninshields of that branch, & Brother of John who was the G. Father of the other branch, the father of George, Jacob, &c. This child lived at Marblehead by the name of Wm Diman till he was persuaded to take the name of Crowninshield. He went with Col. Glover into the American

*Henry Dean: Analytical Guide to the Art of Penmanship, Salem, 1804.

service, married & has posterity. His wife was bad & has been in our Goal.

Notes. Nathaniel Weston & wife, her delivery. Priscilla Lambert, wife of Samuel, d. of youngest child, pr. for Husband at Sea.

10. News of the death of the only Son of my Classmate Revd. Jonathan Homer of Newton. This youth graduated at Cambridge in 1803, was at Providence & died in that place. He was studious, virtuous, & of those good habits from which we expect usefulness. The loss of an only & dearly beloved Child to fond parents is beyond description.

11. The high wind brought down the unfinished Steeple of the new Meeting House lately raised in Cambridge Street, about five o'clock this afternoon. The whole work of the Steeple is destroyed. The spindle struck on the opposite side of the street, after falling 170 feet, about 30 feet from the building. The mortices had no pins through the long braces which went from the frame of the dome to the standard post & this occasioned the loss of the Steeple. The spindle broke, the vane and ball were much bruised & the whole a complete wreck.

12. Last night a Beverly fishing Schooner ran upon the Juniper between the head & the whale rock. She lay in this perilous situation till she was relieved at 4 o'clock P. M. this day. They pushed plank under her bottom & by a boom against her stern & the rocks prevented her drifting on when the tide lifted her, while a cable well handed gave them instant relief as soon as she was afloat. The help was from Beverly. Loss not great. The Committee of enquiry into the state of the Old House of worship in the East Society, Capts. B. Ward, R. Stone, & J. Lambert, were attended this day by two Aged & judicious Carpenters, Herick & Bancroft, & upon examination will probably report that the present house is too old for expensive repairs. I should pay great attention to the judgment of the Carpenters impartially given.

13. I had an opportunity of informing myself more particularly from Hovey the Mason & Perkins the labourer, respecting the spring found at the head of Bridge street, in digging for a well under the House of Capt. Endicott at the corner of Winter, Oliver & Bridge streets, at the point which they meet. His ground is high. At 17 measured feet from the present surface was found a spring. A wooden Cask has been sunk in it, a flat stone laid by the side for dipping. A square curb was round it, formed with four posts, handsomely rounded at top & shaped & inclosed with boards. Part of the earthen vessels of Delft used by the first settlers, probably broken at dipping, were found in the spring. The oldest people remember nothing of this spring nor did the aged people who have died within 30 years mention it.

It was probably on the old road to the second ferry. The posts were of white oak, properly formed & the heads of them rounded off, with a channel cut along the round & gouged out for ornament. The boards which passed from post to post were narrow & entered into the posts at both ends into auger holes & not into mortices which received the middle of the board or oaken slab. The moveable sands in this quarter have been complained of as an evil to the Traveller. This year was the first attempt made effectually to subdue them. When the windmill was put up, they were entirely moveable, & the lands, after every care at the point, still lay uninclosed. The front lands are inclosed & so have the rear lands been but they are totally unproductive. The spring was in a valley between two sand hills, formed by the current of air from the Cove between the Neck & the point of land between south river & shallow Cove. The spring still issues at the foot of the hollow into south river, & the hollow exhibits what the true course of the valley was in which the spring was found. It is now of the true altitude while the House shews the elevation above it & the well the true place at which the spring first issued.

14. This morning a man fell from Gardner's brick house 30 feet. He has received no great external injury. The upper staging gave way as he stepped on with his tub of mortar & he instantly fell upon his feet. Much is feared respecting internal injury but no signs at first. It is supposed his fall was much broken by the boards which fell with him. Mr. Crowninshield in levelling the land where the old Ship Anchor Tavern stood, bottom of English street below Derby street, & in removing the old pavement which was covered with earth, found a French coin of copper, face Louis XIII. This tavern had been disused about 120 years.

15. Mr. Whitman, Revd., with me from Wellfleet, Cape Cod. He speaks highly of the success of the Salt Works. One man has made a hogshhead a day in fine weather which in the market was then worth 7 D. It gives them 25 per cent at first setting out with the price in the market. He reckons the population of Wellfleet at 1300 souls. All the Oystermen in all the seaports from Massachusetts to Maine are from this town. They succeed well in the trade. They give 1-16 D. for a tub of Oysters [at New York] containing 2 Bushels, & lay them on the beds at Billingsgate or Wellfleet. They are paid for their trouble in the increase of their oysters one fifth in weight & measure, in one winter. He thinks the beds might be all restored, & says it is often talked of, but habit of easy supply without rivalry forbids the experiment. Necessity hereafter will probably teach them better. Their uplands are their pasture, their marshes their grass grounds. Do not supply themselves with corn or rye but purchase. Their vessels are over Europe, & America. The Cod fishery is most com-

mon & they often cure their fish in the straits of Belle Isle. They take whale & find a plenty of all kinds of fish upon their coasts. They often eat the whale flukes as they call them & find how to reconcile themselves to every kind of fish for food.

17. This day we engaged in the Perambulation. 3 Selectmen from Salem, Col. Harthorne, Capt. A. Richardson & Capt. B. Ward, met 3 from Lynn, three from Marblehead & 3 from Danvers. We found the evils increasing from stakes & stones as the country becomes more settled, & the country under cultivation. Our stumps were gone, our stones thrown down. It was urged to put up stones only in such places as the lines of the respective Towns cross the public roads, so that they might be examined without trouble & might be no inconvenience to the possessors of the lands. One dozen of such stones are upon the line of North fields to set off 500 acres, when two stones in the road are sufficient. We dined with the Danvers' Selectmen at Frye's at the Lion near Danvers bounds. We did not pass through the Pastures upon Lynn line between the two great roads, because we consented it should be a right line, according to the survey. A most acceptable rain began to fall at one & continued through the day.

18. The Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew received the Grand Royal Arch Chapter & dined at their new hall this day in Boston. The rain prevented my attendance upon a very polite invitation. I wish the reconciliation of the Scotch with the English Lodges in New England. Last Sunday night arrived Capt. Cooke with the news of the d. of Alexander Allen, son of Capt. Edw. Allen lately deceased. He had long resisted all hopes of reformation & happiness. He fell from the rigging of the Ship into the ocean & perished. Attended the funeral of Emanuel Chishull, æt. 63, from his house 1-2 mile above the Bell [Tavern] in Danvers, on old Boston road. He lived many years in the employment of Mr. N. Richardson. He was much esteemed as honest, but in the latter part of life was intemperate. He left a wife & daughter & a grandchild. He was from Portugal.

19. Attended the funeral of a Child upon the plains belonging to one Hardy, who has lately removed from Tewkesbury. Child of 14 months. One child left.

21. A petition is preparing for the Town to widen uniformly Chestnut street. The Cambridge Street Meeting House steeple is to be raised on Monday next to supply the place of the frame which was blown down. The Crowninshields have purchased Cogswells lot & are preparing to make a solid ground eastward in the line of their first breast work to meet the new street, which is intended to run from the bottom of Daniels street to the bottom of English street.

23. Sunday. Notes. Margaret Allen & her children, sudden death of her Son Alexander. He was drowned upon his pas-

sage from Petersburg to Salem. Alexander Donaldson & wife, d. of their youngest child, Brethren & friends at sea. William Peele & wife, for the d. of their g. child Donaldson, Brs. at Sea. Joseph Webb & wife, d. of their youngest child, Brothers at Sea. Bishop Samuel Parker of Massachusetts was consecrated Bishop of this State over the Protestant Episcopal Church on the English Establishment at New York, 14th instant. Only one Church of that Communion which is his own, is able to give a generous support to a Clergyman. At Newbury Port, Salem, Marblehead, Scituate, Dedham, &c. the assemblies are small & a few support the expence. At Bradford lower Parish, the Essex Middle Association, commonly called Hopkinsians, vulg. Hopkintonians, ordained Charles Coffin, an Evangelist at large. Several indiscretions of our Churches have established the precedents for these extravagant & certainly extraordinary proceedings. An Evangelist! Can he go into other Churches of the same or any other Communion? What Comets these to alarm Creation! Rev. Mr. Popkin, formerly of Dr. Belnap's in Boston, which he left from a partial derangement, has so far recovered that he was installed in Newbury over the society lately under Dr. Tucker. The Sermon was by Mr. Pierce of Brooklyn. He is to leave without a Council should a separation be necessary.

25. Mr. B.* & B. are out upon a survey of this neighbourhood in order for a better chart of our harbour & shores. Holland's is the best even to the present times. Mr. Gibaut never finished his work tho' fully competent to it. The present attempt will be puffed enough undoubtedly. And so much has party attached itself to every thing that praise is not the test of merit but of party. For certainly we produce few things worthy of praise and yet immortal is as common a word as any word in the language of praise.

28. Rode this day to Marblehead with Daniel Cannon Webb from S. C. We obtained by Capt. Nathan Martin a boat to pass to the salt works, which we might have visited in a nearer route in our chaise, as the works are erected near the head of the beach upon the entrance of the Neck. We found them much more extensive than we at first expected & still enlarging. The pumps which filled the vats with the first water were going to draw water, to stanch the new vats. The pumps for the second water all go by wind. The reflectors as they are called fill a great space descending from the Upper cistern. We saw salt already formed but not prepared for use. Mr. W[ebb] went in the afternoon for Boston. This evening was launched the Ship Janus belonging to Peabody of Salem. She had a very beautiful launch just after sundown.

*Nathaniel Bowditch.

30. Sunday. Notes. Sarah Millet & Children, d. of her sons, pr. for friends at sea.

October 2 [1804]. Judge Davis & Revd. Dr. J. T. Kirkland are in Town to obtain a subscription for the support of a Professorship in Natural History & Mr. Peck* is the person designated for this employment. They propose to give the first appointment to the Subscribers, reserve a privilege of attending the lectures as the Medical Lectures by fees, whether belonging to the University or not, & to raise the sum of 20,000 Dollars. The greater part of this sum has been obtained, & chiefly in Boston. Several have subscribed in Salem above one thousand dollars, & the subscription is now with us. I wish it the utmost success for it has long been desired & often spoken of but nothing has been effectually done. Mr. Peck's claims are certainly beyond those of any man in our part of the United States. The subscriptions at first were B. Pickman junr, 350, E. H. Derby, 300, Forester, 200, Peabody, 300, J. White, 200, Crowninshield, 100, West, 300, Pierce, 150. These are such as have come to my knowledge.

4. Took Coffee this afternoon at W. Phillips' at the Point, Lynn Side. I found him yielding to the infirmities of age. He has been steady, not very active. A Shoemaker & attentive to a little farm. He is 88. His sight fails him greatly but the debility is general without any particular disease. His mother died at 100 in this spot. His Brother John is 20 months younger, was more active, a Ship Carpenter & has lived all his life in Boston. Both have been Friends & uniform in their manner of life in a very great degree. Such old persons as I have seen were not men of great application of mind or body nor have they discovered any unusual force of mind or body. I have observed them in all classes.

Dr. A. had steady habits & a very uniform life.

Dr. G. had a natural chearfulness & appeared much at his ease. The world below him. These clergymen passed 90.

D. P. Physician, was a Scholar, but calm, unenterprising, & very temperate.

K. of the Law, was singular, but temperate, & rather careless of the world, æt. 90.

The old men of Salem, J. S.† 100. Steady not violent labour, ship building, & fishing.

J. R.‡ 98. Chairmaker, quiet, sober, industrious, contented.

Of the Females domesticated, & not much complaining in old age, proud of it.

Mad. H. a child in youth, chearful & at ease throughout life, past 90.

*William Dandridge Peck, professor of natural history at Harvard until his death in 1822.

†John Symonds, died Feb., 1796.

‡John Ropes, died Jan. 21, 1792.

W. 103. thoughtless & gay, as a child. Free from anxiety through life, ignorant, temperate.

P. 100. A good mother, at home, neat, regular & temperate. A friend.

T. 105. Good disposition, uniform life, temperate.

S* 98. Now living, busy, very deaf, but few cares, a little as a great deal.

These are persons whose life as well as names are known to me.

5. Yesterday died Elizabeth Baton, suddenly, & without any notice, in her chair. She was in her 79th year, a woman seldom from home, but of good disposition. A meeting of the Town respecting the widening of Chestnut Street. Many counter petitions were prepared, but upon the written engagement of the proprietors & petitioners to give the Town a street 80 feet wide, without a greater expence to the Town than 400 dollars, it was consented that Chestnut street should be widened throughout. The other petitions were left in the hands of a Committee to report to the town.

6. Uncommon scarcity of Fish in our Bay. A Boat from the Bay out of the whole fare had obtained few except Rock Cod & these very small. Our market poorly supplied at best. The Oyster men say one Boat is enough in Salem for one winter. That the Consumption has no comparison with that of Boston. Domestic economy is more known & living is without luxury. Do the storms drive fish from our surroundings?

7. Sunday. Notes. Mary Whiteford, d. of her d. Goldsmith, pr. for her sons at Sea. Wm. Oliver & wife, d. of her Sister Goldsmith, pr. for Brothers at Sea. B. Hill & sisters, d. of their Mother Goldsmith & youngest Sister, pr. for friends at sea. Joseph Strout & wife, d. of her mother Baton, pr. for a son at sea. Hannah Pierson, d. of her mother Baton, p. for her son at sea. Mary Goss with her Children, d. of her Mother Baton, p. for her sons at sea. Thomas Webb & wife, d. of youngest child, pr. for Brothers & friends at sea. Thomas Jones has been installed at Cape Ann over the Universalists or the Independant Church gathered there during the war by John Murray. Since Mr. Murray removed to Boston they have been occasionally supplied. Mr. Jones is to continue with them & they speak of building a new house as the first is not large enough for their Congregation. Mr. Murray of Boston & Mr. Richards of Portsmouth, officiated in the service. Mr. Jones was minister in Philadelphia, but not so acceptable in that City as he has since been in Boston. He is said to have a greater solemnity of manner than their former Teacher. The number of aged men who have died Deacons in the Congregational Churches in New England vastly exceeds that of any other class of Citizens. In examining the Gazettes a very

*Margaret Swasey.

great proportion of those who exceed 90 years are of this class. They are generally elected past 40, when their habits are well known & fixed, & generally preserve that temperance & sobriety which have the promise of being long in the Land. In future it will be best to preserve such names as occur. The number I can recollect from personal knowledge is very great in all parts of New England.

9. This morning the wind was in the South & the weather uncertain. About 7 it shut down & it began to rain at S.E. & soon the wind rose & the wind changed to N.E. Its violence increased till sundown & continued all night. The barn belonging to Perkins on the Neck, was blown down & one horse killed. Becketts barn down, all the vessels drove from their anchors. Chimnies were blown down, roofs & windows injured & trees destroyed in great number. The fences suffered so much that in the eastern part of the Town which I visited it was easy to pass over any lot in that part of the Town. The damage is so equally divided that few have special cause to complain. It was the heaviest blow ever known in Salem & it will be remembered as the Violent Storm of 9 Oct. 1804. We had thunder & lightning all day. We lost the Railing from the top of the house in which I live. It was totally destroyed.

10. We are every moment receiving accounts of the injuries done by the Storm. The Vessels in Cape Ann & Marblehead that were at anchor are ashore. The damage done in Boston is great. The celebrated Steeple of the North Church is blown down. Mr. Atwater Phippen who for many years has noticed the fall of rain, distinguished the rain of yesterday as the greatest he ever knew, four inches fell in the day & three inches in the night.

11. Continued account of the Storm. From the Coast, accounts general only as yet. Roads everywhere much obstructed by the fall of trees, &c. Revere's Buildings over his furnace destroyed. Not of great value. Covering of Chapel Church tower blown down. Mr. Eaton at Boston, new brick walls tumbled upon his old house from which he had just time to escape. The woman who lived with him killed, servants wounded. The spire of Charleston steeple bent down. The top of Beverly steeple blown off. The dome of the Tabernacle in this town uncapped, & shattered & Lantern. A Vessel from Cape Ann harbour, belonging to Kennebunk, lost her anchor & split her sails & drove up over our Bar into the Cove within the Beacon upon Ram Horn rock. This is the only Vessel ashore on our coast not in the Harbour. The Boston account is an almost total destruction of all small boats at the wharves. The damage to Houses, buildings, trees, fences, &c. is incalculable, but such losses not heavy to individuals, but a distressing loss to the public.

12. This day I rode through south fields & Marblehead farms

to Nahant. Every where trees are blown down & barns unroofed & the road in several places would have been impassable had it not been cleared. Even at Nahant Great head, Wood lost part of the roof of his new Barn erected this year. The reports are endless, but we cannot distinguish truth from falsehood at any distance from home at present. But the reports shew the state of the public mind. The quantity of seaweed driven up is beyond any former example. I had a good opportunity of examining a rich variety on every part of Nahant. The most common there in deep water is the Kelp, the seagrass & the wrack as they are called. The *Dulce Compici*, &c. were in less abundance. It would not have been imagined that the beaches over which we passed had ever been used for pleasure had they been seen only after the late storm.

13. I cannot refuse to adopt the belief that the late storm was the most severe ever felt in this part of America. All the accounts which I have seen represent nothing like it. In Boston, the old people are said to represent that a storm like it happened 16 September 1727. As yet I have found no tradition of such a storm among our old people or upon record or any report of its consequences. I suspect as our winters have less horror we partake more of a southern climate from the great quantity of heat & consequently have more stormy weather of this kind & therefore may expect more of it in future years. I can find no history of wharves, ships, trees, houses, fences, out houses which lead to suspect great calamities from high winds. From Cape Ann we learn that many of their boats were lost entirely & some greatly injured by the storm. But we have hopes from the news from Plymouth & Portland, that the storm was much more limited than we have expected from its great severity here & near Boston.

14. Sunday. Revd. Mr. Abbot of Beverly, has been down lately to Sandy Bay in Gloucester to dedicate their New Meeting House. Much is said of the Stone work of the foundation but it has been built since I visited the settlement.

15. This day the mustering of the Militia Companies for the review of the Morrow. Zenas Cushing of Weymouth, buried this day from the Charity House, æt. 32. He died of a mortification occasioned by his manner of life.

16. Was our Regiment review. Our Col.* has nothing of the Soldier in his person, accent, manner or talents, & our Brigadier† is the Compliment of family. Never was a County worse served with Staff & Field Officers. After the regiment was dismissed a most shameful popping ensued.

18. This day was appointed for Dean's exhibition of Penmanship at which Mr. Fisher of the Episcopal Church is to give an

*Col. Benjamin Pickman.

†Brig.-Gen. Elias Hasket Derby.

address. This Dean is the author of the Book on Penmanship for which subscriptions are now abroad.

19. The military appearance of the Cadets & Artillery. The honours of the day having been performed for the friends of Mr. Jefferson by the Cadets, this was the day for the weak Brigadier D. to resent it, & so the Artillery were reviewed first. Capt. Williams was absent on the occasion. How contemptibly small the best things become, when they fall into the hands of weak & contemptible men.

20. Mr. Mycall from Harvard with me. He was formerly a very useful printer at Newburyport. For six years he has been at Harvard. His speculations have not assisted either his credit or his interest.

21. Sunday. Dr. Bernard exchanged with Mr. Worcester of the Tabernacle. This is deemed political & at the same time against the Independants & Baptists.

23. Capt. Jonathan Millet who arrived from sea on Sunday last, died this day. He went with his Brother Ropes & had the scurvy in a great degree. He had been irregular. This day also died John Perkins who lived many years on the neck under Mr. John Derby & was removed by Capt. Allen. He had been inoffensive but from his domestic & other relations became irregular. He was a good natured man. He purchased the Derby fish fence, the last lot adjoining to the Neck in the eastern part of the town. His Brother died last week, removed into Aunt Symonds house near the Bridge. She is a melancholy instance of depreciation only from a solitary life. The family very virtuous while they lived together.

24. Capt. Penn Townsend arrived with papers, 10 September, from France. He arrived in the evening. This day Mr. Crowninshield left Salem on his way to Congress. Delivered Tytler's subscription to Major Sprague, after it had laid a month in the Upper Office on the Subscription, J. Crowninshield & E. H. Derby, 10 Dollars each. The writing of Election Tickets a serious concern to both parties, in which they are busy. The rival candidate for Congress to Mr. C[rowninshield] not yet announced.

26. I was with Mr. S[tephen] Cloutman when he died this day. He has left a wife & 10 children unprovided for. And yet when on his dying pillow a Mrs. Obear distrained for a small portion of rent & took everything from him. The public sentiment discovered itself on this occasion happily. Mr. Dean's writing Exhibition was this day. I was not present. Our best writing master tells me that these partitions do the bounds divide. That he was repeatedly threatened & even accursed to his Brethren the friends for keeping a specimen of this writing. He doubts the success of the experiment. At a great expence the ornamental parts are provided by Corné an Italian artist, & by

several artists in town & the whole is displayed as the wonderful effect of Jenkin's new System improved by Dean. The enthusiasm is happy but the cause not comprehended. The disappointment is sure. It proposes to effect that by instruction which as a practical art can only be gained by experience, tho' differently as in everything else by different men. Instead of the concurrence of both experience aided by instruction, the whole is imputed to the first & the short time proposed, which is the only test, does not accomplish the work.

28. Sunday. Notes. Sarah Millet & Children, d. of her Eldest Son, pr. for a Son at Sea. Elizabeth Millet & Children, d. of her husband, pr. for friend at sea. Meriam Perkins, children & brother, d. of her husband, pr. for a son at sea. Loisa Perkins, d. of the father of her husband, pr. for her husband at Sea. Phebe Hood & Children, d. of her Brother Perkins. Widow Perkins, d. of her Son in law John Perkins, pr. for absent friends. Hannah Weston, sick & low, prayers. Morse assigns 197 Congregational Churches to Conn. & 400 to Massachusetts. So far as my own knowledge extends I believe the sects increase in the number of their Societies, but nowhere do I believe that their assemblies are as large as of the Congregationalists. In Boston are the only large Baptist societies & their houses are small & principally filled by Strangers. In Newbury Port, the Presbyterian Church is large but it so nearly conforms to the Congregational platform that few know the difference. In Salem, the Sects are in no sense in competition with the Congregationalists, nor in any other part of Essex. At Haverhill, the long established Baptist Church is the only one that has any claims & these arise from the conflux of members from all the vicinity in which no Baptist Church exists. Perhaps it would not injure our Churches if the sects were more powerful as it might check the indirect persecution when too visible.

29. This day I was at Marblehead & I could not obtain a dinner of Fresh fish by every exertion. A thousand excuses but it is true, their market is not well supplied. The weather was uncommonly fine.

30. They are repairing again the steeple of Beverly First Church. The Tabernacle has removed entirely their Lanthern injured by the late storm. Electioneering the first business. Crowninshield versus [Nathan] Read. All hands employed in furnishing the General ticket for Electors of President, &c. This manner occasions much labour but the application to it from all quarters is beyond any former example. The Newspapers are fully occupied in the manner of such occasions.

31. Letters from Dr. Madison Bp. of Virg[inia] respecting the disagreeable affair of a pupil from Salem creates much serious vexation. An Italian is forming a Paris plaster bust of

Washington in Salem. The same man has many specimens of medallions of the Antient & modern heads which he has imitated in Plaster of Paris. In Salem, the Social Library has improved but at present is not so rapidly increasing as last year when many shares had been sold. Our Philosophical Library enriches slowly by the strength of the few. The Derby heirs have the Library of their Father. Such are our Literary Stores. The professional men have their Libraries but more for their immediate use than great taste. I was asked by a rich merchant whether Books were not a bad stock to calculate upon & whether they must not sell again below the prime cost? Mr. [William] Turner paid me the compliment of an invitation to his Ball. This is the most splendid exhibition of female ornaments & accomplishments which we have in Salem. It is annual after the lessons of the year are completed. Few men have had the success of Mr. Turner. To combine with the character of the Dancing master so much simplicity of manners & carriage as to leave the highest respect for his own morals & to secure all the parents from any apprehensions that any thing could be done to vitiate the morals of their Children. The Ball on the morrow.

November 2 [1804]. Yesterday departed from this life my mother, Elizabeth Bentley. She was a daughter of William Paine of Boston, mill wright, & for many years miller in that town, & descended from the first Paines who were among the first settlers of New England. By her mother she was from the family of Ruggles at Roxbury. She was in her 66th year when she died, & left my Father in his 81 year. She was an affectionate mother. As a woman of strong passions, little cultivated, but of sacred probity, & of good intentions in all things.

3. I went to Boston to attend the funeral of my mother. I found that she had been able to attend to her family on Wednesday, washing & ironing, but had for a fortnight before been complaining. On Wednesday night she waked vomiting blood. The same returned at seven & at noon & in the evening of Thursday Nov. 1, at half past 8 she died very easily. Dr. Eliot told me that she had often assured him that a stroke from the violent pushing of a door against [her] by her Brother in Law Adams in the dispute about the estate, would be her end. The body continued bleeding very freely till it was interred. I returned to Salem the same evening.

4. Sunday. Notes. Hannah Cloutman, d. of her husband, to herself & 10 children. Mary Cloutman & her sisters, d. of their only Brother. Died in Nova Scotia lately, Revd. Joshua Wingate Weeks. For many years before the revolution he was Minister of the Episcopal Church in Marblehead. In the papers of the Hist. Society, vol. 8, it is said of Mr. Weeks in a quotation, "He was a virtuous sweet tempered learned gentleman." I do not know

how it happens that no particular account was given of the time he spent in Marblehead, as so many affectionately remember him.

5. This day all hands busy in the votes for Electors of President & member of Congress. The length of the votes & the great zeal gave full employment, but no arduous evils resulted in the contest. By the help of couriers it was determined that the Republican Candidate, Hon. Jacob Crowninshield, was chosen.

7. This day the East India Marine Society paraded & had their public dinner. The Palanquin, Holker & Dresses were exhibited in the procession, which attracted great notice. A Band of Music & the Cadet Company added to the entertainment & ceremony of the day. An elegant dinner was provided in the splendid room in which they display a large collection of natural & artificial curiosities with most happy effect.

9. This day died in Salem, Court street, Jonathan Lambert, Capt. He was born in the Eastern part of the town & in early life was gay & distinguished for his airy dress & manners. In the latter part he has been almost a recluse, being addicted much to superstition. He had a fine person, lofty gait, & a most active mind. He served the Town as assessor, Selectman, Surveyor & in other useful offices & died much esteemed. He had a scrophulous affection of the neck. He was firm in his last hours & died in the 62 year of his age.

10. The Toasts of the East India Marine Society as published were—

I Vasco da Gama, What genius performs may genius immortalize.

II May each mariner record, so that Enterprise may discover.

III Commerce without violence & no war upon the sea.

IIII The riches which the arts give, may they find sacred to their support.

V The Practical Navigator. Facts first, then theories.

VI Natural history. May commerce never forget its obligations.

VII A Cabinet. That every mariner may possess the history of the world.

VIII Commerce with all the nations. But the love of our country our best happiness.

IX Industry rich and free, always active and always content.

X Our families never absent from our hearts.

XI Absent members. The praise they ought to love, may they merit.

XII The Clergy. May our reputation abroad, prove their duty at home.

XIII The Salem East India Marine Society. Many resources from the ambition of its members continue to accomplish its designs.

11. Sunday. Notes. Hannah Weston with her parents for her very sick in Consumption. Mary Stevens for herself very sick in Consumption. Joseph Valpy & wife, d. of his Brother G. at Sea. In our Association at Salem, the Address from the Committee of Conventions was read. Hopes are entertained that it will be treated as it deserves. It is referred to a Committee to report in May. It says nothing, suggests nothing, but only asks whether something must not be done. It is a dark design to fetter the Congregational Clergy & must terminate in an establishment if its design succeed.

13. This day was buried the wife of Good Father Simon Lamb. This honest Englishman has been long in America & been the most inoffensive of men. Ever since a Lodge has been opened in Salem, he has been Tyler. He has his prejudices but they all strengthen a Good Conscience. He is a Rigger by trade & he follows his business soberly after 80 years of age.

14. The success of the Republican Election Ticket for Electors of President, &c. is beyond all calculation. It is the most interesting political occurrence of our times in Massachusetts. It now depends on the conduct of parties, what important uses shall be made of it.

16. Received from Congress the following Communication: Congress of the United States, in the House of Representatives, Tuesday, the 6th of November, 1804.

RESOLVED, That two Chaplains of different denominations be appointed to Congress for the present session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly.

Attest. John Beekley, Clerk.

In the Senate of the United States, November 7, 1804. The Senate proceeded to consider the foregoing resolution of the House of Representatives, Whereupon, Resolved, That they do agree to the same, & that the Reverend Mr. McCormick be the Chaplain on their part.

Attest, Samuel A. Otis, Secretary.

In the House of Representatives of the United States, Wednesday, 7 Nov. 1804. The House proceeded by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on their part & upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favour of the Reverend William Bentley.

Attest. John Beekley, Clerk.

The Letter accompanying directed an answer as soon as possible & therefore upon a moment's reflection, I found a compliance impracticable & wrote an answer accordingly.

18. Sunday. Notes. Samuel Woodkin & wife, d. of her Brother Capt. Jonathan Lambert, friends at sea. Mary Stevens, d. of her daughter Mary, aet. 21, pr. for Brethren & sister abroad. Mercy Welman, d. of her g. daughter Mary Stevens & pr. for a

son at sea. Nathaniel Weston, wife & children, d. of his eldest daughter Hannah. Wid. Hannah Richardson, d. of her eldest g. daughter Hannah Weston.

19. This day went with Major Sprague & visited Joseph Fuller at Lynn.

20. The Supreme Court in town. Invited as Chaplain, but another person* was found. I hope no summons this time. Went in the afternoon & visited the Salt works at Marblehead. The owner is trying the experiment of freezing, by which he expects assistance. The proprietor lost his windmill in the storm of Oct. 9 & sustained the damage, as he reports, of 150 dollars. He lost much of his salt from the blowing off of his covers. He reckons his whole expence at 8000 Dollars.

23. Poor Noah Webster, Grammar maker, has undertaken to give my character in the New York Spectator.† The same man who once read lectures in this Town, who helped himself from Dr. Percy, has published many Psalters, & primers, & is now a man of the first influence in the Connecticut politics. From Newbury, a Mr. Wood, who has all the regular proportions of a youth of 12 at 53. Great attention is paid to his activity, & his ready answers. The powers have been employed in the direct concerns of his farm & social life & he has all knowledge which men usually acquire in such situations.

24. The affair of Crowninshield who is indicted for a riot was before the Sup[reme] Jud[icial] Court in this town. The Jury went in last evening & informed the Court that they could not agree. They were sent out again & were out all night & in the morning could not agree, so the action lays over. The affair was in the cutting down of a fence at the bottom of Herbert street, below Derby street, which C. says ought to lay in common & which was put up on his bounds. It is believed that party is concerned in this continued prosecution, tho' provocation has been made by angry speeches on both sides. Our wealthiest merchants are concerned in this business. Mr. Gray in behalf of his Sister in Law Ward.

25. The Baptists are such strangers in this neighbourhood that the Immersion of one of their followers in this Town, after the Evening Service, occasioned much running & a great concourse in which when suddenly collected on any occasion, seldom is great good order to be found. We have never had any thing like this in Salem before. The few Candidates that have been baptised in this form had not been received with such great expectations as the report that some of the best of the profession intended for Baptism might raise.

26. The Clergy of the Town supported the Pall of the Widow

*Rev. Nathaniel Fisher of St. Peter's church.

See Salem Gazette, Nov. 23, 1804, for additional interesting comment.

Elizabeth Grovenour, æt. 68, & daughter of Revd. Mr. Peter Clark of Salem Village. A Minister much respected for his abilities & usefulness. The Daughter was the widow of Revd. Ebenezer Grovenour, first of Scituate & then of Harvard. She has left one child out of many who survive her. Father Clark published a large Octavo Volume upon Infant Baptism besides other tracts & sermons.

27. This day in the Supreme Court was heard the law Case of Mr. Henry Gardiner against the Selectmen of Salem, who denied him his vote as an alien. This question has been interesting to the Town. Said G[ardiner] left Salem in the war in 1775 & became a British subject & his estate was confiscated & he returned but never had been naturalized. Judge Sullivan was Attorney for the Town, with Dane of Beverly & Story of Salem. Parsons was attorney for Gardiner, with Putnam of Salem. It was a question of Law & it is with the Judges.

28. The Sup[reme] J[udicial] Court rose at noon. A very pleasant day. I walked round the Neck & took tea at the farm with Misses Hodges, Collins & Hovey. Mr. W. writes from Congress that the news from Mass. was particularly agreeable. Markets full, but poultry kept up its price from 12 1-2 to 16 cents, Turkeys, Geese, 10c. Ducks, pair 75 cents. Fowls, 12 Cents. Sausages, 12 1-2 cents lb. Pork low. Flour rising from 8 to 12, &c. D. a barrell. Corn dear, & price not fixed. Beef, 10 cents. Much of this price is to be put at the free Circulation of Bank Bills & Checks.

29. Thanksgiving. Congregation decently filled. Assembly attentive. Singing good. Much has been said of this Thanksgiving but such a change has been made in the tone of parties by the late election that Massachusetts has quite a different face. Thanksgivings were days of political intolerance. Every insult was given in the name of God to the friends of the present administration. The reserve, the fear, & even the hypocrisy now visible are strange substitutes for past insolence. Party cannot be discommended for firmness, dignity, & generous pleas. It is to be dispised for insolence in power & for cringing meanness out of it.

30. This day I went to Marblehead to dine with Capt. J. Prince. I was received with great hospitality & had the company of Capt. Nathan Martin at dinner. After dinner we were entertained by the original manner of Capt. Ashley Bowen, aged 78, born in 1726. In 1749, he took command of 32 men from Marblehead, who entered into the marine service, & they were transported to Halifax. There he found Admiral Durell & entered as a Midshipman on board the Pembroke of 50 guns under Capt. Simcoe, who died on the passage & was succeeded by Capt. Wheelock of the Squirrel Frigate of 20 guns. He was with James Cook,

sailing master of the Pembroke, in the survey of the St. Lawrence as his documents shew. This same Cook is the immortal Circumnavigator. Mr. Ashley Bowen's claims are real but how far they extend to the whole work, could be learnt only by seeing what Cook has given to the public. Mr. Bowen has proofs from his papers of being in that survey with James Cook. I was much pleased with the strength of memory, original manners, & facetious discourse of this old sailor, who pleads warmly for a pension as he is now, as he expressed it, under "bare poles." A curious representation of his own life under the figure of a Ship, had much fancy, & pleasing expression. I was highly disposed to give him every assistance in gaining public relief.

December 2 [1804]. Sunday. The Marblehead minister who declared he was not prepared to pray at the Town meeting for the choice of Electors of President, has not relieved the public mind by his letter. Much conversation is upon the subject. Reports have been industriously circulated that something like the Regium Donum or hush money of Walpole has been practiced among the clergy of New England. I know no facts attached to the report.

4. This evening the Essex Lodge met. I was not with them. The late regulations of the Grand Lodge were received with a warm remonstrance. A reply from the Grand Lodge urged them from the general sentiment. I was deputed with Lawrence* & S. Derby to visit the G[rand] L[odge]. We were then assured that all the Lodges had consented. The dissolution of our Lodge was the consequence of a refusal. We acquiesced. Upon enquiry we found it absolutely false that the Lodges had acquiesced. We reported as favourably as we could. B. Hodges last year resigned the Chair & Lawrence was appointed. I was seldom at my seat & wished to withdraw. This evening was the choice of Officers. The best members were absent & no officers chosen. On next Tuesday evening a Meeting for a final settlement. I recommend that the funds & all other property be vested in a Committee, who are to supply, in case of death or absence, new members of their body from the list of the present members, which is to be specified, & the interest of said deposit shall be for the use of the poor of the families of said members & such as now live & are objects of the charity of the Lodge.

5. This day I received a Letter from Washington, dated 26 Nov., which notifies me that my answer was read that day in Congress, & with proper affection accepted by my friends. The numerous betts respecting the part I should act, may now be settled. The reply was instantly published & has appeared in the northern prints.

7. The news of the d[eath] of Mr. Jonathan Farnham at Boston, aet. 64, was sorrowful to me. He was a Barber whose Shop

*Capt. Abel Lawrence (1754-1822).

I frequented for 30 years & never was in any other in Boston. He was formerly Clerk at Christ Church & supported a good character till the death of his wife, a few years ago. Since, he has been indiscrete & finally was seized by apoplexy in the street & died the next day which was Thursday last. The respect & attachment I had was great & I shall miss him.

8. The election of President Jefferson by the unanimous vote of the Electors of Massachusetts has been announced. Many persons offered to be bearers of the news to Washington. The office was assigned to a Son of Dr. Kitteridge of Andover, living in Newburyport. A Mr. G. Ward of this town has hired the public House at the New Turnpike in Topsfield. This year, for the first time I recollect, the fruit from Malaga was not seasonably in the market. Old fruit sold from 1-2 to 3-4 a Dollar a lb. This has been occasioned by the deplorable sickness at Malaga. I meet with great trouble in managing Tytler's Charity & from this circumstance I have communicated myself freely to those who are creditors.

11. This day died my Brother Thomas Bentley, in Boston. He was of the twin children born 10 Jan. 1764. He was not so well educated as he might have been, as my F. took no pains to give his children as good education as he had himself & my Mother had none at all. Thomas was named after his G. F. Bentley, as I was after my G. F. Paine. He was inferiour to none of us in point of capacity, but the G. F., after whom he was named did not take such care of him as I received for my name. He was bound an apprentice to one Emery, a jeweller, or Silversmith, who was then in high reputation. My Brother made all the proficiency in his art known in his time and added such other parts as his fruitful invention assisted & was a good Engraver upon Silver, & for his business. In all this time he was taught nothing which led to correct his manners & a taste for songs & social glee soon gave a wrong bent to his genius. It was hoped that marriage would put him right, but alas, the woman he married had not sprightliness enough to amuse him, or prudence enough to govern him, & he soon became a pet companion. After having increased his family & deranged his affairs. After having been a heavy tax upon our feelings & interest, he ventured down to Gloucester. In that place he confirmed all his ill habits & got no good ones, till stripped of all his property he returned to Boston. He found ready employment, but he never found ready resolution to be steady. After having tired all his friends, he returned with his family into the arms of his Parents. Our mother soon fell a victim to her cares. In her complaints he was removed into the country but he still was unreformed & habitually intemperate. He was brought back to his father's house on the 7 & died on the 11 of December. He has left a wife & four small children. Thomas

was good tempered, sacredly honest, a man of truth, & when temperate, of ceaseless industry. Ingenious, persevering, he was excellent in his calling. But he loved society & he found not such as he loved at home. Dissipation succeeded to his social indulgences & he died pitied & yet without an enemy.

12. This day Hannah C[rowninshield?] finished the ticket for the Fire Club but I was obliged to deliver this business to my friend Master Lang. The Snow continued to fall all day so that I could not go this day to Boston. The service of the Fire Club devolved on me from the neglect of the Autumn Meeting, which I forgot. The Snow of this day had all the appearance of the Northern Winter. The air was clear & the Barometer high. The Snow light, little wind, & level. The current of air small, from the northward, sometimes a little westward, then eastward, & the cold becoming intense. True signs of Russia winter.

13. This day went to Boston. This is the third time this season that I have visited my Father's house upon a funeral occasion & to see the dead carried out of it. I found my youngest sister with my Father & the family kindly provided for in every thing essential. The three were laid by the side of each other northwestwardly of the Grant privilege. Gravestones were put up to my G. M. Bentley but were taken away. I have a most settled enmity to all ceremonies for the Dead. Let their memories live but let their ashes be forgotten. Dr. Eliot officiated on all these occasions. It was the Thursday lecture, but it was attended by very few persons, probably not above 20. Mr. Gray of Roxbury spake kindly of Dr. Parker. The evening I spent with Dr. Eliot & some friends at Capt. Silas Atkins' agreeably.

14. This morning I returned to Salem & arrived at noon. This day we felt the severity of cold in the serene air of winter.

15. This day the news came that this morning died the Revd. Eli Forbes, D. D. of Gloucester. He received his first degree in Cambridge in 1751, and afterwards settled in the ministry at Brookfield. At the beginning of the American revolution he removed to Gloucester & was installed in the Town & continued till his death. He had agreeable manners, a sweet voice & a good person. He was not a man of letters as his controversy with the Universalists proves, & his volume of family sermons will explain his manner of preaching. He was very incorrect, & without method, but he never was betrayed into mean & improper expressions. In the latter part of life he rose in the public notice & had a degree this year in Divinity at Cambridge. He was most known by his experiments of the Dock root in Cancers. It appeared to have great effect upon his third wife, but the external cure was so far as affected fatal to her life. Since the war he has had the power of a Bishop in Gloucester, tho' he had no clergy under him. In Squam they settled Mr. Leonard last week. They

had a Mr. Bradstreet. Mr. Wythe they dismissed, he is yet living. Mr. Obadiah Parsons, afterwards at Lynn, they had but dismissed. They have been without a stated minister since the revolution. At Sandy Bay, Mr. Cleveland left at the commencement of the revolution & tho' since he has returned he has never been reinstated, tho' he has preached occasionally. No person has preached in Old Town statedly since Mr. Rogers died, so that ever since Dr. Forbes has been in Gloucester he has had the whole Island under his command, excepting a society of Universalists who were formed by a Mr. Murray who long since left them & went to Boston & who have lately united in a Mr. Jones. It is believed by many that Dr. F[orbes] was content to have things as they are. But the present prosperity of the Parishes leads to expect the speedy resettlement of them all. The controversy of the Universalists convinces me, & my personal knowledge of both parties, that had Mr. Forbes discovered more prudence, or known more, he might easily have prevented the existence of that sect or any other in the Town & have obtained useful pastors in all the parishes. He was too much under the influence of particular men & had too great jealousy to promote a generous regard to the public interest. He lost that influence by his political indiscretions.

16. Sunday. To the severe cold of the past week succeeded a heavy rain & flowing streets.

17. As we had the alarm from the fire at Foster's Chocolate Mills,* I walked to the spot. As the fire happened on Saturday evening during foul weather, the presumption is, by accident. In going I passed through the bridle roads leading from Northfields to Danvers lower Meeting House & found them in wretched state. At the Meeting house, near the brook, entered a Gate leading to the mills upon the brook from Spring pond. In less than half a mile I reached the spot. The building was demolished, but the water works were not entirely useless. I know not what stock might be in the mill. B. sold the mills near the road below with all the building for about 500 dollars, as he assured me. This whole stream might be covered with useful water works.

19. This day being appointed for the interment of Dr. Forbes at Cape Ann I took chaise for that place. After the arrival of the Ministers, Mr. Abbot of Beverly was appointed to preach & Dr. Dana & Mr. Frisbee of Ipswich to make the prayers. I declined at the pall, on account of the necessary supplies of the pulpit.† Dr. Dana, Messieurs Fuller, Frisbee, Abbott, Randall & Webster were at the pall. The collection was numerous, the attention respectful. They have no Grave yard in the harbour but inter in the ground on the road to the Old Town Meeting House. The Flags of the SShipping were half mast. Mr. Abbott observed

*Gen. Gideon Foster's mill located in what is now Peabody.

†It was customary for the several supporting ministers to supply in turn the pulpit of the deceased.

that Mr. Forbes had been a Chaplain to the Army last war & for 7 months after he was a Chaplain in the army he was a Missionary & founded a Church which now exists. Of this last fact I am not ascertained as Dr. Forbes in his frequent conversation never mentioned this to me. From the Graveyard, in which I found the monument of my worthy friend Capt. E. Gibaut, I went up to his son's & spent the evening & lodged. A Dinner was prepared for the ministers at Esqr. Whittemore's near the house in which Dr. Forbes lived.

20. I returned & reached Salem at Dinner time. The changes in the road are very great, but they admit of many advantages which they do not possess. Capt. G[ibaut] is the Collector of the Port of Cape Ann, but his present habits admit of little attention to business. His worthy mother performed every duty with great affection. A Mr. Rogers is Capt. Gibaut's principal Deputy in his affairs. We sometimes regret that we are urged to recommendations which have not the full consent of our understandings. Upon my return Capt. Gibaut's mother furnished me with eels & a pair of widgeons for Salem.

23. This day Mr. Spaulding preached in Washington Hall as his House was not quite ready for public use.

25. By the character of Dr. Forbes of Cape Ann in the Boston Palladium, we learn that he was born at Westborough, Oct. 1726, Son of Deacon Jonathan Forbes. In 1744 he commenced his studies, in 1745 went a soldier into the Army & returned to his studies in 1747 & entered at Cambridge. He graduated in 1751, & was ordained in Brookfield in 1752. In 1758 & 1759 he was a Chaplain in the Provincial Service. In 1762 was a Missionary to the Oneidas, & planted a Church on the Susquehanna. In the fall of 1775, his political opinions gave uneasiness & he left Brookfield & in 1776 he was installed at Gloucester, in which place he died. He has left a Volume of Sermons which will shew his talents. My opinion is not the same in the Bost. Pall. This day I went to Marblehead & spent Christmas. Mr. Bowers gave us a consistent discourse upon the mission of Jesus & assured me that the Communion was free. After Service I partook by invitation of an elegant dinner at Mr. Isaac Story's, formerly minister of the 2d Cong. Church, now in the Episcopal Communion, & spent the afternoon agreeably at Mr. Bower's Manse.

26. The fire at New York consumed 40 buildings, about one third of brick walls. Various estimates are made of the property & the loss was probably great. Several small fires about the Country & the common cry of Incendiaries most of whom are careless fellows. The fireproof stores in the neighbourhood of the Fire made a very feeble resistance to the surrounding flames. Stone arches seem the only medium. It is to be hoped some accounts will be given of the progress of the fire near such stores as many have been erected at a very great expense.

27. Col. Glover who lately died at Boston, was a very useful man in Marblehead, in which place he was active in the Fisheries & lived in their style of hospitality which made his house the place of resort to strangers. He was often with Col. Orne, & his Brother in law Glover, dead several years since, in the State Legislature. These three men gave a character to Marblehead in the last generation or for the last thirty years. Since Hooper & Lee & others disappeared at the revolution from public affairs. Col. Jonathan Glover died at Boston in the past week. He married a Widow, daughter of Deacon Hitchborn & had been paralytic for many years. For the sake of her friends & children his last wife persuaded him this season to remove, but he did not long survive. His passions were violent as the leading men of Marblehead generally have been from the character of the manners of the place. The leading men had power nowhere else known in N. England. He married a daughter of Revd. Hubbard, of the first Church & a long difference subsisted. But upon the whole many great traits of character were seen in him & he was a Gentleman in his house, clear in his purposes, honest in his dealings, & a firm, consistent friend of the public happiness.

29. This day died in real truth poor blind Caesar in the Charity House. Upon the death of the last negro, poor Caesar's name was given out among the dead. The last fear of this poor creature was that he should not get well soon enough for new years day. He had a surprising memory by which he got a decent support while his health lasted & which he retained without losing it, so as to bring it to a common size till his death. He employed it soberly upon one subject, the ages of persons, & no example have I ever known for such retention on this favorite subject. Twenty years ago I gave him the age of my parents & kindred of three generations with the promise of a reward upon every notice of their birthday. I have never known that he lost one or confounded it with any other. I shall save my pennies & miss Caesar. Tho' often at my door, he never was troublesome. In the close liquor easily overpowered him but did not enslave him. He was peaceable & disposed to behave well, he never meant to be intoxicated.

30. Sunday. [Notes] Jonathan Mason & wife, death of her Father B. King. He was a Mathematical Instrument maker, in that branch which immediately regarded practical navigation by Quadrant & Compass. He supported a very good character through life & was much esteemed. On Christmas day I heard Mr. Bowers in his church at Marblehead. He is the third Church minister, so called, in St. Michael's, but the ministers still continue liable to sudden Translations. Mr. Oliver went to Providence & Mr. Harris to New York. Mr. Bowers in his ill health promises himself no terrestrial removal.

31. This day was spent in reviewing my temporal affairs. And I confess, tho' more flourishing than at any former period, and reduced more fully to calculation than in any former year, yet I could not have believed that so much had unaccountably slipped through my fingers. My cash receipts shew me an expenditure of 790 dollars of which I can give account of only 700, leaving 90 for a generosity or a profusion, as pride or opinion may style it. It is still a consolation that I am richer than at the beginning of the past year & may stile this the year of economy. I now hold my library & personal estate. The death of my Brother Thomas sweeps off 500 Dollars. My Brother Dawes owes me 100 Dollars. My settlement is one hundred pound, 333. In Capt. Hodges hands is 400. The purchases and gifts of Books & favours give me this year permanent above half of the value of my subscription 200 Dollars. But what are all these things compared with a Good Conscience & a Good God. For the future every minute expense is to be daily & weekly registered. In my Book account are included all articles of Stationary & whatever can in any respect connect itself with the Library so that a considerable deduction must be made upon that account. The Gifts are chiefly to Children in gratitude for family tokens. In the Books which I have received I have guided myself rather by the present value in my hands than by the sums I gave for them, as these could not easily be known from bountiful friends. They are put low enough. The Perquisites are not surely above their value & they also include articles of which I am less competent to judge the price than of such as are particularly in my profession. A Gift of 30 D. at a marriage, has carried up the fees beyond example. Our young people are beginning life usually in all senses of the phrase, when they marry. My Cloathing expences extend to all my wants as I use my own furniture altogether in my Lodgings & my Study. In paintings I confine myself to the range of Patriotism. Half Binding was to put Books, &c. I possessed in a more sure & useful form.

January 1 [1805]. This day was appropriated for the dedication of the New South Meeting House at Salem. A large Band of music was provided & Mr. [Samuel] Holyoke took the direction. A double bass, 5 bass viols, 5 violins, 2 Clarionets, 2 Bassoons & 5 german flutes composed the Instrumental music. About 80 singers, the greater part males, composed the vocal music. It could not have the refinement of taste as few of the singers ever were together before & most were instructed by different masters. But in these circumstances it was good. The House was crowded & not half that went were accomodated. Mr. Hopkins, the Pastor, performed the religious service of prayer & preaching, & a Mr. Emerson of Beverly made the last prayer. The music had an excellent dinner provided for them at the Ship

[tavern] & the 16 ministers present dined in elegant taste at Hon. Jno. Norris Esqr. the principal character in the list of the Proprietors of the new Meeting House. Such are the rapid advances we make to Ecclesiastical Domination. Mr. Hopkins refuses a Gown but dedicates Churches. I accept a Gown & refuse dedications. Some Arch fellow comes & pulls our inconsistencies together & a Catholic Church is dressed, dedicated & endowed at once. Mr. H[opkin]'s Congregation was taken or stolen from the Congregation formed under Mr. Fiske & by Whitaker rendered Congregational Presbyterian. The first forming of the South Congregation was artful. H[opkins] never did fairly explain himself. His friends bought an Assembly room* & then enlarged it. This has been their Meeting House above 30 years. It never was decent. Some first parishioners made so by the current of money, have urged the rebuilding. It is impossible to find out how they agreed or how far the agreement extends. Many have feared, some faulted, some retired, but none have quarrelled. The new House will probably reconcile them but it is one of these things that is done & we know not how. The Steeple is the noblest in Town. Upon a lofty tower it rises upon reduced Octagons & hexagons, till it terminates in a slender cone. It is decorated handsomely. The roof is supported above, the arch is lofty, the pulpit rich, but nothing singular in the disposition of the House. It is the best structure for Public Worship ever raised in Salem.

4. Having asked Capt. H. Elkins to provide for me such works as N. said were to be found at Mocha, he interceded with a J. Pringle, of whom I have no knowledge, but who writes to me in a letter dated at Mocha, 13 Aug., informing me that C[apt.] E[lkins] had applied for his aid & had shewn the mem. but that the Books were not found. He says however You will find the Koran such as you wished for, & the other Religious Books as explaining the principal tenets of the Mussulmen. He promises to continue his endeavours to obtain the Books of History from N. & send & he has no doubt of some by next vessels. In turn he asks Am. Phil. Society publications, & Books on Medicine, Chemistry & Mathematics.

5. The late fires have been distressing. That of New York destroyed much property. That of St. Thomas almost consumed the whole town. A House was burnt last week in Boston & several fires have been reported from the interior in which several lives have been lost. A late fire at Norfolk greatly endangered the bank. A fire was last week at New Bedford. The uncommon severity of the season has called for great caution in our wooden towns. Several fires have been arrested at their first appearance as at Col. Lee's & Dr. Oliver's, the one from firing a chimney & the other from a beam under a hearth as in the old construction.

*It was located on the site of the vestry of the present church.

Associations have become very common & the youth have all the competition which belonged to the religious orders. The Naumkeag is a social club of youths of the town. The Roustigouche is in the vicinity. They have secrets like the masons but have not yet importance enough to have any characters. In the Gazettes they are quarelling but fight in the dark.

6. Sunday. [Notes] Wid. Hannah Carroll, d. of her youngest daughter, pr. for Brother & friends at Sea. Wid. Esther Ashby, d. of her Husband Thomas Ashby. Richard Nichols, himself sick dangerously. The dedication of the New South Meeting House, tho' a novelty in Salem, is hardly thought of in that view. Holy days increase so fast that our old people when asked how it has been heretofore, reply, we have forgotten. Dr. Bernard says he went into his house as soon as he could. Thus the superstitions incroach upon us & the doctrine of Sanctuary may again find an indulgence. But we had hardly finished these ceremonies before other difficulties arose. Salem, for above a Century, had been uncommonly free from sects. Never free from religious contentions, yet these were rather in the original church than part of any foreign discipline. Even Whitaker never was able to tell the people what Presbyterianism was. The reason probably was that no outward sign distinguished the Congregationalists from the sect whose name they commonly bore at home & abroad. But the new quarrel in the Tabernacle with Spaulding has commenced a new era in our Church History. Before, all sects tried in vain to enter. While Spaulding's friends were busy about a seperation & after they had determined upon a new house, the Baptists entered the numerous family of the Webbs & took hold. One of that family was immersed. Several instances had occurred of this mode of Baptism but from the obscurity of the persons they excited no alarm. The Baptists in Boston, came often & sent one of their young favorites. A small house was built. Several joined from all the societies. Several from the Old House which was to be abandoned for the new House lately dedicated. In the course of the past week their Committee applied for the use of the North Meeting House in which Dr. Bernard preaches. On Thursday last a Meeting of the Proprietors was called. A Vote taken & leave obtained by 15 against 12, tho' probably the greater part would have been opposed had all been present. The objections were--That the House had been lately painted & they had been offered before & they must be consistent. This is an excuse rather than reason. That Balwin of Boston had written into Salem, that there were no Christian Churches. This was a declaration of war against our associations. That it would be a precedent for the Baptists throughout the Commonwealth who, tho' few & illiterate, were very desirous to get into houses of worship & uniformly had created great divis-

ions when they had succeeded. The best reason was, that they had a house of worship large enough for all their own followers & therefore no motive could exist which could induce a precedent which had been everywhere abused. In confidence of success they had sent their tickets of invitation to dine to all the ministers. They refuse to accept after such a division, which discovered the men of reflection & enquiry against them. The matter at present is in the streets in which murmurs are frequently heard. I have assisted to build houses for Christians of every denomination, but do not think that Charity obliges a man to leave his doors open for every traveller without distinction, enquiry, or any accountableness for consequences.

8. This evening was a Church meeting at my House. The subject of meeting was the settlement of the Annual accounts. In regard to Charities, it was proposed that five persons designated, namely the Widows Berry, Becket, Swasey, 98, Gale & Young, 86, should receive each one dollar immediately, & throughout the year each half a Dollar at the time of every Communion, monthly. The object was to call a particular attention to the Charitable contribution by this primitive practice of the New England Churches. We found 41 Dollars unappropriated in the hands of the Wardens.

9. A very rainy day & the day designated for the public ordination of a Baptist Minister in Salem. It was a dark day, because we were afraid of the uncharitableness of this Sect which has been the most illiterate in New England. All the ministers were invited. The Tabernacle was opened for the services. I did not attend. No Congregational minister of the Town was present. Dr. Stillman of Boston preached.

11. The weather has been at times uncommonly severe & uncommonly changeable. It has been felt in the same manner at Baltimore, Philadelphia, & N. York, all of which have at times been shut up with ice. The Ice has repeatedly closed our harbour as low as the lower wharves but has been as suddenly broken up. The benefit of the lower wharves is now apparent as no other are useful at the present season.

12. The considerable flight of snow promised us some sledding for in this neighbourhood hitherto the ground has been scarcely covered as the rain has so soon succeeded the fall of snow. The supply of our market this Saturday with wood & provisions has been more ample than at any day this season. A little disquiet respecting the Naumkeag society begun by a young Lawyer, named S. Swett, has excited some notice in the Gazettes & in private conversation. It has ended in a quarrel & is now in the hands of a Justice of the peace. It is a matter of blind censure.

13. Sunday. The ordination of Mr. Bowles* in the Baptist

*Rev. Lucius Bolles, D. D., who resigned Aug. 6, 1834.



REV. SAMUEL WORCESTER.

**Pastor of the Tabernacle Church, Salem. From the portrait by Morse,
engraved by Annin and Smith.**

Church was on last Wednesday. Nothing has yet appeared but the jealousy & the expence. Several arrivals from beyond the Cape of Good Hope this day with rich cargoes.

15. Mrs. M. Warren has at length issued proposals for her History of the American Revolution. I knew her at that period & believe her diligence great in providing materials & that her acquaintance & correspondence were as great as she represents them. I have subscribed from the belief that her work will contain some interesting circumstances of true history.

16. I have often found it necessary to refer to domestic incidents & feelings. A Day Book is useful for private life. The bitter quarrel between the eldest d. of the late E. H. Derby & her husband has been a subject of serious thought. It is now extending itself in consequence of some imprudent resentments the husband has shewn to the visits paid his wife, while living at the farm seperated from him.

18. Capt. [George] Taylor has arrived after having long been missing. His vessel foundered in his passage from Cuba & in his boats he recovered Campeche. Capt. Fabens from the southward, arrived at the Vineyard after having been blown off & having been out above a month. We have comparatively been little losers in this unequalled stormy & cold season. Not a life belonging to my society has been lost on our coast.

19. The road intended from Crowninshield's Wharf to the point below Daniels street is under consideration. The Town first voted to survey it, then laid it out & then accepted it. Party has now gotten hold of it & another meeting is appointed. It is the first water line ever improved upon the south side of the town. Has the most direct course from the harbour or anchorage ground & is now covered with untrodden grass. Every artifice has been used to embarrass a road, which must necessarily be open. The first settlers guarded against shutting up places near the shores. The first house ever built in the town was upon this shore & yet Jury upon Jury has been employed, expence upon expence, & claim upon claim, in a place in which the interest of the Owners would have directed the full choice & every important expence. It is nineteen months since this road was under the Town's consideration.

20. Sunday. [Note] Samuel Lambert & wife, from Sea, d. of his father Capt. Jonathan Lambert, pr. for brethren at Sea. The minister settled at the Tabernacle,* left Fitchburg after having kindled the flames of dissention. As soon as he found his connections with Salem secured he wrote in the name of his party, called the Church at Fitchburg, a vindication. It was the opinion of some of the wisest men in the Councils not to reply,

*Rev. Samuel Worcester, D. D.

but the partial representation having a tendency to impeach the wisdom of the Councils as well as to misrepresent the condition of the aggrieved, a reply has at length appeared. It was printed at Worcester in 1804 in 75 pages. It states that Mr. Worcester made a special agreement at the settlement which he evaded. That he took the vote of 12 as the sense of the majority of a Church of forty-four. Then he excommunicated under one covenant & ruled under another. That the subjects of his censures were treated without christian charity. That his own party could not finally abide by the result of a mutual council. That he was dismissed & then evasively called again. That one Barton was settled with his party & the Town have remonstrated. In fact, the most inconsistent measures have been adopted & the quiet of the Town destroyed. A review of this pamphlet appears in the Monthly Anthology, Boston, Dec., 1804. In this it is confessed that Mr. W[orcester] insisted on terms inconsistent with his stipulations; that the Church under him was irregular & some practices unprecedented. The publishers of it pledge themselves for the fairness of their representations. In consequence of the settlement of Mr. W[orcester] in Salem, a part of the Church belonging to the Tabernacle have seceded & built a new house* & are preparing to organize a Church under their former Pastor. They talk of the Cambridge platform but they have not any system & have not fixed upon any measures. They are enquiring & perhaps wish to make the Congregational Churches busy in the matter. The installation seems to be fully determined.

21. The change in politics has given a most favourable turn to our Military affairs. A Domestic discipline is to take the place of the Corruption of Standing armies. And to our honour it may be said, that in every State, School establishments have the public favour. These are the highest symptoms of public prosperity & of sacred attention to the future happiness of our Republic. The matter of the Eastern road from the South water line of English to Daniel's street was again before the town. And such was the combination against it that it was discontinued after all the votes, expences, & disputes about it. A more absurd measure never obtained. We may thank some merchants of the Town for this measure.

22. Revd. D[aniel] Hopkins and his intended Colleague,† Mr. Norris & the elect Professor‡ of Dartmouth College were with me and were in search of a Hebrew Bible for the professor. Theological studies must be low, or the encouragement when after such an election there is such a pursuit.

23. After several applications from Lynn, particularly from

*The Howard Street or "Branch Church."

†Rev. Brown Emerson.

‡Prof. Theodore Shurtleff.

the minister,* to be initiated as a Mason, I wrote to the D[ep-uty] G[rand] M[aster] asking a warrant to proceed to Lynn & in special manner to initiate, pleading & quoting authorities. After long delay I have received an answer that the Late regulations of the Grand Lodge do not admit such privileges. This is a direct confession that the antient Land marks are removed & justifies the memorial & the final secession of some of the members. I sent on the Deputy's Letter with my own on the back to the Candidate.

25. Stated to Mr. C.† all the principal occurrences in his absence till this date. And informed him of the services I wished to perform for Viscount Valentia, Br. Pringle, & Said Hameh in Arabia, begging him to apply to Dr. Mitchel for assistance and direction in procuring seeds or medical works, which are natively American.

26. A singular occurrence has arrested attention. In all the votes of Manchester, amounting to about 80, the influence of Salem upon a Capt. Tuck, exCollector of Gloucester, has been so uniform that only one vote has perseveringly been offered for Mr. Jefferson or his friends. This event has been noticed & Mr. Miller, this persevering republican, has attracted particular notice. A Republican Association in Norfolk this week, brought into this town & presented to Mr. Miller, who was at Salem, a medal struck on the occasion. Shewing a man on a rock & with suitable inscriptions. I have not seen the medal but am assured of its existence. It is in gold of the size of an Eagle. Miller is deemed a speculating genius & has removed to Manchester. Has been a School master & is not deemed deficient in information or natural sagacity. This affair will probably be given to the public upon authority.

27. Sunday. At Haverhill, Revd. Hezekiah Smith, D. D., æt. 67. He was very lately at Salem at the ordination of Mr. Bolles in this town & gave the charge. He was the first regular Baptist minister in the County of Essex & the only one that had a regular congregation till within a very few years. He was a man of zeal, of strong lungs, & fond of proselytes. But a man of little learning, small pulpit talents, & no dawn of genius. He had become more moderate in his last years, but to me he was always a tedious, unmeaning, disgustful preacher. It is said that his death was a clear case & his friends wrote to Dr. Stillman of Boston to get prepared to preach his funeral sermon. Stillman is indeed the Bishop of the Sect & the only man of respectable pulpit talents in New England. He is a man of little science, or theological skill, as his printed sermons prove, but he is agreeable, lively & successful in the pulpit. He is now the oldest

*Rev. Thomas C. Thacher.

†Crowninshield?

minister in Boston. I have lately seen the performances at Cambridge on the death of President Willard. That of Professor Webber is discreet, excepting the overvaluing of the President's Greek Literature. Excepting the memory of words he was nothing. He knew nothing of style, of criticism, of taste, or preference. He was a man of dignity of person, proper reserve, and a Mathematical Student. But he has left or done nothing to be remembered. Holmes's sermon is feeble. Professor Pearson for the first time appears from the press. He is proverbial for the severity of his criticisms. A work is now before the public. In this work I blame the cruel neglect of the man from whom he took his professorship, Professor Stephen Sewall. I blame the noise he has made about religion & yet his hypocrisy in not publishing the errors which he laments. But above all I blame the doctrine of a particular providence in afflicting the University at the time when he declares a reformation of the manners of the Students visible. Such is the state of our University.

28. All day yesterday it was snowing & the snow now continues & it is very thick weather. The inhabitants talk of old fashioned snow storms. The snow lays at great depth but in town not much drifted. No stages went from the town or entered it this day.

29. The snow continues & through this day little travelling. One stage arrived from Boston & one returned, but no other communication. The snow is falling incessantly but not with heavy wind & much northerly, so that we have some hopes for the mariners on our coast. As yet we hear of no damage & none is done in sight of our shores. The weather has been so thick that at no time could we see this day the opposite shore half a mile, to see whether any vessels were wrecked as was reported.

30. The wind became N. W. & it began to clear. By much labour the Turnpike was cleared as far as Lynn. I went with one of the proprietors as far as the Public House & returned in 30 minutes to the Salem Toll House. The worst going was upon the floating bridge, which being fastened in the ice & born down by the weight of snow, suffered the water to pass over the floor & produced very slumpy travelling. Some of the drifts were 10 feet deep & the greater part of the wall on both sides was buried in the Snow. So much has not fallen for many years. In Beverly, great exertions were made to clear the road so that with much perseverance the Cape Ann Stage passed through Salem this afternoon for Boston. Three men who went into Marblehead harbour in a Boat were drowned. They left 14 children, being all married men.

February 1 [1805]. We have continual accounts of the damages on our coast from the last Storm. The Ship Favorite sailed from Boston on Saturday last, N. M. Perley, Master, for

Lisbon, parted cables on the Monday morning & bilged on Rocky point. The Ship *Hibernia*, Capt. Farwell, sailed from Boston, on Saturday, for Trinidad, drove ashore south of Plymouth point, all but the first mate perished, ten persons. A schooner as yet unknown, went to pieces in the same place. The Brig *Ann*, Capt. Lathrop, lost on Duxbury point. A Brig ashore on Race point. A Brig ashore on Monument point, Brig *Jane*, Foster from Martinico. We have heard of many Vessels spoken with whose fate is yet uncertain. Our Southern friends have been sufferers with us tho' at an earlier period. Several vessels on Salter's Beach, a Ship. Capt. Cook, in a Ship from this Town is ashore, we learn by *Telegraphe*, at Taupolin Cove.

3. Sunday. Notes. Hannah Kenny & children, Death of her Husband. Wid. H. Mascoll & children, d. of her son in law Kenny. Richard Nichols near death in the Poorhouse. Preparations are making in this town for the dedication of the Branch Meeting House in Brown street, lately built for Mr. Spaulding. The Music was written for the occasion by one Pearson, & the words accomodated by Mr. Spaulding. He says that he has conferred with Dr. Bernard, who discovered great friendship towards him, & proposed by a friend the enquiry how he could submit to the Cambridge Platform. I have no wish for fame in establishing any sect. Perhaps men may chuse their Teachers in the Church & school in the same manner if they are wise.

6. This day the new Meeting House called the Branch, was dedicated. Mr. Spaulding preached on the occasion. A particular account may be expected. The season remains severe & the quantity of Snow in the back country is very great. Many lives have been lost through the ice, in roads, & in exposed situations. It appears to be the severest winter I have experienced.

7. Conversed with Mr. [George] Heusler respecting seeds which I wish to send to Count Valentia. He will deserve confidence. Wrote to Revd. T. C. Thacher to inform him of the ballot in the Lodge. The Grave Digger assured me this day that he found the frost in the ground 3 feet deep, as great a depth as he had ever known & in ground not dug before in the memory of the present generation.

9. Received in confidence from Hon. Jacob Crowninshield at Washington, a 50 Dollar Bill to be distributed at my own discretion among the poor of my neighbourhood. Confided in Capt. B. Hodges, one of the Overseers to assist me in the distribution. I went in person & delivered five dollars each to Mrs. May, W. of Oliver Berry, & Mrs. Margaret, W. of John Young, æt. 86. Capt. B. Hodges delivered 3 D. to Mrs. Anna, Wid. of Benja. Gale. These three of the Church. Capt. B. H[odges] delivered also to the following:

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| Sara, Widow of Aaron Batten, | 5 Dollars |
| Susanna Beadle, Maiden, | 3 Dollars |
| Margaret, Wid. of Daniel Curtis, | 2 Dollars |
| Mary, Wid. of Pasca Foot, | 5 Dollars |
| Margaret, Wid. of Daniel Edey, | 5 Dollars |
| Mary, wife of James Clerage, absent, | 5 Dollars |
| Abiel, Widow of Ebenezer Tozzer, | 2 Dollars |
| Catherine, Wid. of Reuben Shad, | 2 Dollars |
| Margaret, Wid. of George Lazell, | 3 Dollars |
| Elizabeth, Wid. of Jonathan Millet, | 5 Dollars |

10. Sunday. [Notes] Robert Peele & wife, his return in safety, D. of Child, pr. fr. at Sea. W. Peele & wife, d. of g. child and pr. for friends at Sea. Priscilla Gill, d. of her G. child Saunder 4 years old & pr. for fr. at sea. Last week in this town the Branch or new Meeting House near the Burying Ground in Browne street, was dedicated. Mr. Spaulding, the Pastor elect, had his own friends to officiate, & curiosity drew a multitude together. The performances were in his stile & he did not refuse to notify the Tabernacle of their former divisions & of his ejection. The expence of erecting this House is given at a sum short of 10,000 D. but of the South Meeting House above 25,000 D. The roof of the Branch is supported within & the middle of the house is arched. Conversation is held upon rebuilding the Old Church which has been lately repaired. Its present exposed situation renders it very unfit for public worship & the wealth of the Congregation would enable them to accomplish the work in the richest stile without difficulty. Barton Square, lately laid out, has been mentioned as the most proper place for it. A Mr. Walker has had a call from lower Danvers, & the Congregation has concurred. This Congregation pays upon the pews & not by the Parish taxes. In the printed account of Revd. Hezekiah Smith D. D. of Haverhill, it is said that he was born on Long Island, N. Y. Took his master's degree at Princeton college N. J. in 1765, & was born in 1737. He was ordained in 1766 in Haverhill, went Chaplain in the Army in 1776, & returned to his charge in 1780. Had a Dr. Degree at Providence in 1797. Of his pulpit talents it is said he was equalled by few. I confess I never heard a man attempting to preach who succeeded less, in matter & manner. As to his literary reputation, I never heard of it before his death. Posterity will judge very falsely of characters from funeral eulogiums. Dr. Smith meant well undoubtedly.

13. The thaw continues but not as yesterday, & our fish market again supplied with fish at 4 Cents a lb. For some time past fish was not to be had, from the severe weather, & from the very high price in Boston. Much fish, while it could be obtained, was carried from Cape Ann to Canada.

16. Marblehead Dock is under a Committee from the Gen-

eral Court. The motive of this proposal at the present time is doubted. The System is ill defined. Whether to inclose from Peachy Head to Orne's Island & so to shut up only Little Harbour which includes two Coves, Doliber's which is nearest to Peachy Head, & Peachy's just within Orne's or Little Harbour Island, or to extend the breastworks from Orne's to Gerry's island or still farther to Fort point & to cut through Fort neck, or particular sections of this shore. It is opposed by Capt. Selman who has built works on his rights, & the expence is beyond the finances at Marblehead.

17. Sunday. [Note] Thomas Goldsmith, ret. from sea, d. of wife & child in his absence. The Sermon at the Dedication of the New South Meeting house by Mr. Hopkins has been printed as well as that at the Branch by Mr. Spaulding. Much ridicule has been bestowed on Morse's Coadjutor Parish of Byfield parish, Newbury. In the Senate, upon the choice of a person to preach the Election Sermon, Mr. Allyn of Duxbury, Dr. Lathrop & myself were candidates. Dr. Lathrop was to divide, but the votes were 18 & 14 according to the party. Dr. Lathrop declined & Allyn was chosen 18 & 14. When the Professor nominated by the Corporation was reported to the Overseers of the University, after some silence, Morse dared to object in the most open manner. And his plea was that the Professor elect was not a Trinitarian, as the foundation required. The vote obtained in defiance of all the influence of this weak and troublesome man. So that Revd. Henry Weare is our Professor of Divinity. This is a great point gained for the best hopes of our college at Cambridge, in the view of the strength of religious parties. It now appears that Morse was willing to put himself off at the head of the opposition among the Clergy as P. Pearson had done in the University. It is said the choice of a President will soon follow. In this town, the acrimony of the printed sermon from the Branch will assist a settled enmity with the Tabernacle. And the Incendiary of Fitchburg will find that burning coals are in his habitation, tho' he be placed in Salem which he hoped to find a place of his power in peace.

19. Tuesday in a Note supposed from Dr. Holyoke, Fifteen Dollars. With Capt. Hodges I agreed upon the following distribution:

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| Margaret, Wid. of Daniel Curtis, | 2 Dollars |
| Mary, Wid. of Pasca Foot, | 2 Dollars |
| Hanna, Wid. of Thomas Keen, | 2 Dollars |
| Margaret, Wid. of Samuel Swasey, | 2 Dollars |
| Mary, Wid. of Timothy Welman, | 2 Dollars |
| Mary, Wid. of John Whitford, | 2 Dollars |
| Sara, Wife of James Grey, | 2 Dollars |

A Crown was given to Mary, Widow of Oliver Berry & A Dollar to Margaret, Widow of John Young.

20. This morning died Mary Gardner, commonly called by us, in the language of the Watson family in which she lived with her Sister, Aunt Gardner. She was baptised by Mr. Currier on 25 day of December 1715, & is recorded "Mary of Captain William Pickering." Her first marriage was with Mr. Ellis, by whom she had no children. Her second marriage was with Warwick Palfrey, by whom she had one child, who died & left a Son the only surviving heir of her body. Her third husband was Capt. Jonathan Gardner, G. Father of the present Capt. Jonathan Gardner, and commonly distinguished as Commodore Gardner. She was married to Warwick Palfrey by Revd. James Diman, 2 Nov. 1747, & her son Thomas was baptised 25 Nov. 1751. She married Capt. Jonathan Gardner, 17 Nov. 1757. Capt. Jona. Gardner died in 1784 & then she removed to her Sister Watson & resided in that family till the Gardiner family & her friends provided for her after the death of her sister Watson in the Mansion house, Essex street, corner of Newbury Street. She was received into the East Church in the first year of Mr. Diman's ministry, 31 July, 1737. She continued in that Communion till she married Capt. Jona. Gardner & returned at his decease. The first minister of the East Meeting House, Mr. Staunton, lived in her father's family at the head of Union Street in a house now standing. She could give the best account of him as facetious, an excellent sportsman, tall & of good mind. All the excentricities of the times of Jennison she could relate, & lived through the whole ministry of Mr. Diman. A good memory, fond of conversation, prudent, cheerful, & active 'til the last. On the Monday before her death she ascended her chamber stairs without touching the balustrade and holding up her gown. She had notices of approaching death by the ceasing of a cough which she had felt, & the weakness of the Stomach. She died without pain or reproach. Had she lived till next December she would have finished 90 years. This day for the first time this year I was able to take my walk round the Neck. The road was shovelled to the Neck Gate & within the snow bore. The sea was calm & the weather fine. I never was absent for a week from the Neck if in Salem since I have been settled, from necessity or unless confined at home.

22. The Marblehead Dock has not been without a quarrel. Mr. Martin & Story had a fight, & since that time affairs are more quiet. The travelling remains very bad & the snow still lays in places four feet deep.

23. Every effort is made to extend the Republican influence in Essex. As a majority of the whole County has appeared from the collected votes of the Districts, some sober hopes are entertained of success. The Mechanic Bank in this town is left to a Committee of Five in the Legislature, & three discover opposition on the score of two banks already in the Town, & from indirect

assurances that the Salem Bank, when incorporated, should embrace the interests of this bank. Capt. White tells me that the Essex Bank has been in operation eleven years & in all that time has not properly made a bad debt. One Porter, an industrious man, was an Indorser for an absconding person, but as he generously appeared, proved his innocence & offered his all, which would have paid the debt but have left his family destitute, the Bank forgave half of the obligation for six hundred dollars. This sum is their total loss.

24. Sunday. Notes. Benja. Hutchinson & wife & Children, d. of his youngest Child, pr. friends at sea. Wid. Mary Hutchinson, d. of g. child, pr. for a son & g. son at sea. Ruth Jefferds, d. of her Husband.

25. At Portsmouth, the noted Mr. Murray, the Universalist, has lately been on a visit. This man has made himself of some consequence. He is bold, imperious, flattering to his friends, insulting to all who dissent in his public services. He advertised to explain the breaking of Bread in the Gazette in a pompous manner. A Column to explain how he did it soon appeared. The Body was the Church, but he did not quote the verse which gives the body for the Church. Never was a more daring Declaimer in any pulpit. Smith, the Excentric & abusive Baptist, was at the seat of his labours at the same time. He preached upon dying in sins & that was enough to prove that there was no purgatory, a gate into but no gate out of hell. Such enthusiasts have all their power at the present time. Smith has set up for himself at Boston against Stillman & Baldwin, & so is a true dissenter now. Spaulding's sermon at the Ded[ication] of the New Branch of Zion has been put into my hands. He indulges all his invectives against the Tabernacle, & is one of the saints that has great fondness for some sinner feelings, which he is not very scrupulous to indulge on all occasions. Dr. Stillman's sermon at the Ord[ination] of Lucius Bolles is printed. He does not improve in his sermons. Posterity will not do him justice. No man of our times is a more popular preacher or a worse writer. Surely his friends could not have advised him to print his sermon. Has any man kept a Collection of his Sermons or read them over many times? The Dr. has suppressed his extempore Compliment to the Tabernacle, for the liberty he had to preach in it, after the North Church had shewn so much reluctance to grant leave by a bare majority. It is said Mr. L. Bolles does not incline to dip in the very cold weather as it too much endangers the health of the Spectators. The public owe him many thanks.

28. The Repertory man has called me by name in the electioneering tricks & the Salem Gazette has attempted to designate me. We must be patient. The travelling is very bad especially on the old road to Boston. Almost impassable. It was more tolerable on the Turnpike.

March 2 [1805]. The weather continues uncommonly fine. This day I received a pot of sweetmeats from Sheik Hameh of Arabia, by Capt. Grafton, by the way of Boston. Capt. Elkins introduced me to this new acquaintance.

3. Sunday. Note. Edward Tuttle & wife, sudden d. of his Sister, pr. for absent friends. Hopkins' Sermon has been printed. He apologises that as he had not written his sermon it would not probably be exactly as he delivered it. This is not a concern which will deeply interest his friends. We learn from Charles-to[w]n, that Jones & Co., were dipping their Converts at the Navy Yard last Sunday morning. The devotional exercises were heard on Boston side of the river. Smith & Jones have a firm apart from the old established Baptists but what the grounds of dissent may be, I have not yet understood. In Danvers they are preparing to settle a Mr. Walker. It appears that he is of the Hopkinsian stamp. It has been proposed to me to exchange with him but I have excused myself under various pretences.

3. Mr. Parish, to whom Morse of Charlestown has given some of his own importance, has been busy in denouncing president Jefferson in a late Thanksgiving Sermon. So puffed up is this wretch with the consequence of his aid in the *Gazeteer & Geography* of Morse, that the little thing cannot contain himself. The boy ought to be whipped soundly.

4. This day was noticed in Salem particularly by the seamen of the Town. The cannon fired all day, & the flags were displayed. The Seamen with drums & fifes & flags proceeded through the town & kept up the air of festivity. No accidents or irregularities happened.

5. The virulence of political invective appears in all the opposition papers with all the aggravations which determined injury could suggest. Mr. Sullivan's writings are treated with contempt, his mind represented as uncertain in every thing, & his susceptibility of bribery is almost announced. Ask Mr. Jefferson the Repertory declares that a person wrote to him who saw the documents of the Walker affair, & that he has the letters to Calendar on the Prospect before us.

6. The controversy has ended where it was expected. A Son of Sullivan has demanded satisfaction of Russel Editor of the Centinel for the abusive representation of his father. At the Theater too Russel has given offence. Temper is rising & party is in fury. Several of our Vessels have been long missing. We have heard of one of them lately from the West Indies driven off the coast.

7. In digging for the foundation of a building on Smith's lot, formerly Massey's the first born of Mass., near the Bridge* was found a human skeleton. It evidently was of a native & upon a

*The Essex Bridge leading to Beverly.

spot which had been repeatedly covered with buildings. It was not three feet from the surface as the ground now lays, but undoubtedly the ground had been changed & the rough ground might prevent a deeper interment. The skeleton was found with its head southwesterly & laid at full length in the ground. All the bones remained. The skull was fractured by the pickaxe before it was known to be a skull. No tradition remains and as the first settlements were upon this spot it must have lain above 200 years. I did not see the earth near to discover either the circumstances of interment or the exact position. The man who found him says he lay his length & that he dug a foot below him to see if he could find anything. He was not a man to see any thing that was not to be noticed for its bulk.

9. Last evening the Republicans in this town had a meeting. Consent appeared in every thing. No countermeeting has been called. The old Selectmen are to be retained excepting John Buffington who is in the United States service & in his place is Nehemiah Buffington. The elections in Lynn have been managed with great success. We are in hopes that the Marblehead Dock affair will not create so much evil as was expected.

10. Sunday. Note. Elizabeth Phippen & children, daughter dang. sick. In Boston the Berean Society have published a Volume of Numbers. This is formed among the Universalists of Mr. Murray's denomination & Mr. Jones, now at Gloucester, is actually a writer. It is a painful reflection that this sect, from which we might promise something benevolent, assists to weaken everything but superstition. No rant can equal their own & imputed righteousness is here in all its glory, equally applicable to saint and sinner. It is a refinement of superstition taking all away from form & attaching it to opinion. Last Sunday the *New Baptist minister* in this town dipped his converts for the first time but he caught such a cold by his indiscretion as to bring on a fever & he did not preach this day. One of his converts complained that she was not completely immersed & she does not know how to get over it. How is a half immersion better than a sprinkling? An Italian Gentleman a Spectator observed, never charge my Catholic Church with superstition. What is worse than in cold weather, without regard to the habits of people, to duck women as you would not dogs in cold weather. The Converts were women. The mean little Parish who has abused Jefferson about the Deluge, has his emissaries to abuse him about language & his remarks. But the stupidity is adapted to the base prejudices which he means to excite & maintain.

11. It was discovered that another attempt had been made to get into the [Essex] *bank vault*. Before, the window was forced open, but at this time a hole was cut through the side of the building. An hole was bored through the floor over the vault,

but they could not force a passage by the tools they had. After the attempt they put fire to some paper, which some suppose was to put fire to the building. It was upon the open floor over the vault & not in contact with the shelves & other combustibles, I suspect to burn a hole by charring. The wooden building over Essex bank is very insecure as it is a very feeble building raised for another purpose.

14. This day arrived the President's address, which will be read with pleasure by the sincere friends of human happiness. We learn that General W. Hull of Newton is appointed Gov. in Michigan Territory & our friend *Jacob Crowninshield to the Department of the Navy.**

15. Bill to exempt our own unregistered vessels, sailing under sea letters, from the payment of the light money in our own ports. An amendment of a former bill. In Haverhill, bylaws have been printed. A just attention to Police. Hon. Jacob Crowninshield returned from Congress.

16. We gave notice in the Register sometime since that Ramhorn Beacon was gone but no notice was taken of it. This morning I saw a *schooner* belonging to Beverly, laden with salt, upon her return *upon the Ramhorn* rock on her beam ends & her stern out of water on the rock & the stem in the channel & the water above her main hatches. This the sure effect of neglect.

17. This day Mr. Spaulding administered the Communion with the society who meet in the new house called the Branch. He had no Church formed according to any rules of association & he officiated in virtue of his power as an Evangelist, as he has no particular charge, & yet this excentric man talks of settling upon the Cambridge platform. As a counterpart to the singular form of Baptism among us by the Baptists, he had his tables displayed in the Presbyterian way. Narrow tables with benches were placed in the middle aisle of the House & the time of the evening Sunday service was appropriated for the Communion which was celebrated with prayers & hymns. The Baptists did not refuse the most exact ceremonies at their last public Baptisms. Miss Clarke, a Candidate, was dressed in white, with a white robe, white silk shoes, & white silk stockings. These things draw attention & clearly point to the origin of the present ceremonies of the Catholic & established Churches. Show succeeds to sincerity. Pomp captivates while it corrupts the multitude & in a short time Ceremony will take the place of religion & the debasing superstition of the ignorant will be the only report of religion in the world.

19. The Schooner from Ramhorn rock was conveyed safely into Beverly. Their last experiment was to raise her by two schooners & pump her till she floated. She righted easily as all her masts & spars remained. Mr. Paine has given a spirited an-

*Secretary of the Navy.

swer to the Calumniator of Jefferson & of himself, Hulbert of Sheffield, & such as must satisfy him. The Calumnies upon Judge Sullivan have been answered by Mr. Phelps who knew Mr. Sullivan's titles, & by Mr. Cooper who had the papers in Judge Sullivan's hand writing & knew what they were. Little Parish is busy at Newbury Port. The Calumniator of Jefferson.

20. A Committee yesterday was upon the damages to Collins, from the measures to lay out Marine street from Daniels street to Becket's street below Derby street. This street is for the present discontinued. The good neighbourhood of Capt. Collins is much doubted on the occasion.

22. The Essex Bank have found the Man, who takes the name Turrell, who broke into the Bank Room repeatedly with intentions to force open the Vault. Bills were found upon him, left unsigned in the Bank room, but filled up by the Offender. Search is now making for the Bills he has put in circulation. An advertisement is against him as a thief. He is closely confined in Gaol. He says he is from New Orleans; he is evidently not of the Northern States. My letters which Capt. Grafton brought from Mocha, have not been found. Capt. G. thinks he delivered them to the Post Office. Mr. Hastings says he never received them. Some mercantile projects in the Mocha Coffee trade between Pringle & the Said Ahmed, & the American Merchants have occasioned this fraud. It is only to see how riches are gotten, to find the value of them.

23. Capt. Grafton waited upon me with every appearance of honest intentions about my Letters. When they are found I can judge better. He says he brought them & laid them out for the Post Office. The opposition have published an electioneering paper such as it is, but the whole management has been with uncommon secrecy. We shall soon see with what success they will support Gov. Strong.

24. Sunday. Notes. Jonathan Mason & wife, d. of his Brother William Mason at Charleston, S. C. Priscilla Elkins, d. of her Brother Mason, & pr. for husband bound to sea. Moses Townsend & wife, d. of their Nephew Thomas Welcome, pr. for fr. at sea. Elizabeth Welcome, d. of her Brother Thomas at Guadeloupe, fr. at sea. Mary Dalland, d. of her Brother Thomas Welcome, pr. for husband at sea. Daniel Ropes & wife, d. of her nephew, Richard Furber at Gaudeloupe, for him returned from sea lately. Daniel Caldwell, loss of her Brother Carroll at sea. W. Mason graduated at Cambridge in 1788. He was in Smith's Academy, Charleston. He afterwards married into the family of a Printer & was editor of a Paper in the City. He had no Children. He had returned to his employment as a Schoolmaster & meditated a return to Salem. He had an ambition to live above his income & was much involved. He was esteemed as an Instructor. Thomas

Welcome was the only Son of T. W. by a Lambert. He was an amiable, industrious, & well informed young man, & the public hopes were indulgent to him. The mother of Richard Furber was a Chever, & he was brought up in Capt. D. Ropes' Family. Both these youths died of the fever in Guadeloupe & belonged to the Brig Edwin from this port, Penn Townsend, Master. Thomas Welcome was baptised 2 March, 1803. Richard Furber, Nov. 19, 1786. Both promising young men & much lamented. Young Carrol was probably lost in the gale of Oct. 9 last. He was with Leach & all probably have perished. We have heard from all parts of America. John Whitford, son of the Widow Mary, & her only Son, leaped from the Vessel at Sea & perished. Bapt. June 12, 1774. He had been very intemperate & his fits were attended with deliriums. He married a Pierce. In this town we begin to feel the consequences of religious contentions. In the Branch, the Minister has an adversary in the Tabernacle from the competitions of the two Societies. Mr. W[orcester] of the T[abernacle] has admitted into circulation a list of Mr. S[paulding]'s opinions, crude enough. Mr. S. has written to him & declared that if the opinions stated are his own he will confess them. The reply has not been very acceptable. Mr. W. has also attacked the Minister of the Baptist Church. Mr. B[olles] replied to Mr. W's first letter but he now sees the commencement of a quarrel & desists. Mr. W. has so long been in the element that he can endure the fire & even love it. Dr. Bernard has borrowed of me the past week, Robison on Baptism. The little sects have put many reports in circulation about him. Even the Gazettes begin to take something of a turn toward religious subjects.

26. My brother John was with me from Thomastown [Me.] last night. On Monday night was the Federal Caucus but little has been said. Never was Caucusing more serious & yet it has been often more noisy.

27. Yesterday the Ram Horn Beacon was again erected after the damage which has been done & this day the Ship building upon the Neck within the Gate was raised with stern & stern post. The M. Magouns build for Capt. Joseph White, Sen. The town granted leave for the use of this spot. The old shipyard was further in towards point of Rocks.

29. Electioneering employs all the time. The Republican Caucus was numerous & appearances flattering to their interest. We are told that young Col. Pickman is preparing for a removal to Boston. The great success which attends the Crowninshields has so far eclipsed the successors of Mr. Derby that they move in the shadow unseen. The names of Pickman & Derby no longer stand preëminent in the business & navigation of the Town. Our member J[acob] C[rowninshield] was at the Caucus & he also went to Marblehead this day.

30. Hon. J. Crowninshield moving his fence into Herbert Street. Col. Cushing preparing for a Brick yard in North fields upon Orne's land. The Crowninshields removing their largest store on the Long Wharf to the New Wharf near English's street. It was a new store & well finished. Capt. Townsend preparing to remove his house in Derby S. corner of Carleton street, upon his Lambert Lot in Becket street, to build upon his present lot. Crowninshield's Outhouses building upon the land near the House bought of Becket at the head of the New Wharf, near Derby street. This was Hollingworth's, the English, Derby & then Allen's land. A field when I came to Salem.

31. Sunday. Died at Marietta, Revd. Daniel Story, æt. 47. He was a Candidate at Beverly & Brother of the late Minister at Marblehead. He was G[rand] M[aster] of the Masons in that district. He was a Child of the New Brick Church in Boston in Middle street. In Newburyport, a writer in the Herald complains bitterly on the violation of Sunday. That this is not merely an electioneering trick may be conjectured, if it has not worked wrong, in that 2 Tithing men have been chosen in each Assembly & two persons to assist them in their duty, of influence & reputation. It was little expected that the excessive zeal of last year would be lost so early in the spring. In the case of Worcester who had crept in upon me in the Phippen family. Upon the decease of the young girl the family invited me to the funeral services & the Mother protested that the interference had not her consent. Dr. Morse cannot leave off writing Pamphlets. Now he has done with Illuminatism, he has taken up the College at Cambridge & has published a Pamphlet of 28 pages with his name entitled "The true reasons on which the election of a Hollis Professor of Divinity in Harvard College was opposed at the Board of Overseers, 14 Feb. 1805." The principal argument is that Mr. Hollis was a Calvinist, provided for a Calvinist, & his bounty is violated in the Choice of Mr. Weare. In answer it is said that Professorships are to give general content on the subject of their appointments. That Mr. Hollis declares his pleasure in the free air of Cambridge. Was a Deacon to Jeremiah Hunt, who was not a Calvinistic minister, & the bounty of the family has been continued independantly of Calvinistic purposes. He refers to Mr. Weare's Catechism to prove that he was not in consent with Dr. Watts'. He pleads that the College Seal was Christo et Ecclesiae. But if reason be allied to Religion Mr. Weare may be as loud a friend to the Church as any of his predecessors. The first Professor Wigglesworth was deservedly esteemed. The Son had no qualification for that appointment. Tappan was a devotee of his sect. The Professorship may get new reputation from the last appointment. It must be mortifying to Morse, Pearson, & men of their stamp, that they can rule at Cambridge no longer. A

few years more & the University must have become contemptible.

April 1 [1805]. The day of our Election. The Opposition prevailed in this town. Great exertions were made on both sides. Both blame each other & they who lost think they did not so much as they ought to have done & could have done. By this impolitic neglect the Opposition senators have obtained. The Election of Gouverneur remains still too uncertain for opinion.

2. Counting votes & recollecting the event of yesterday. In Manchester, Miller's medal has gained 9 votes. No longer that little town discovers the sole influence of one man. Andover stands Strong, 196, Sullivan, 233, & yet upon the vote for the County Treasurer Andover gave only 17 votes.

4. The Annual Fast. All the houses open but the North, Dr. B. indisposed. The manner of observing this day is various. In the moderate Congregational Churches the services are as on Sunday & generally with the same restraints. Few persons fast at all. The food is plain. But no regard is paid to the preference of fish as in Catholic & European Churches. In former times I never knew this distinction observed. The Puritans did it away & forgot it on the first generation. The new Lights observe more rigour but no system of abstinence can obtain when the orders of society have no authority in education. And most [of] those excentric in opinion owe the excentricity to the want of education rather than to any system employed in it.

6. A Capt. Shillaber* of this Port & his mate have been poisoned in Hampton roads & been in great danger. We learn that he has so far recovered as to be on his passage homeward. We have not the particulars of this singular & vile transaction.

7. Sunday. Note. Elizabeth Phippen & children, d. of her daughter.

8. Last night two boys broke into Macanulty's Book store. They were apprehended in the building & belonged in the neighbourhood.

9. Capt. Joseph Waters has bought at 4010 D. the Dean Estate on Derby's street, corner of Turner's street, north side of Derby street. It was the best House [as] to appearance which was in that part of the Town when I came to Salem & had the best gardens around it. It is much decayed & has been long neglected. Capt. Townsend, corner of Carlton street, is removing his house into Becket street from the east side of Carlton s. in Derby street.

10. This day was the Perambulation to fix the Stone boundaries of Danvers & Salem. The course as reported by B. Ward one of the Selectmen, by Felton's line is N. 11 E. from the point on North river at the Mills to the point on the eastern side. I have conceived it to be N. 17 E. But Felton is a Danvers Selectman & the boundaries are fixed by consent at the roads.

*Capt. Jonathan Shillaber in the brig Betsey.

11. This evening died Josiah Gatchel.* Last fall he wounded his knee & appeared to be losing health. As a Carpenter he was often employed in the water & having possessed apparently a fine constitution, was enterprising. His last complaints for five weeks past have been of Rheumatism & cramps in the lower extremities. At nine o'clock he ate his usual supper of milk porridge, cried out of the pain in his stomach, that it was like a heavy stroke, & expired instantly, æt. 28. He married a Lane, & has a young family.

13. This week died at Boston, Capt. Benjamin Hammatt, æt. 93. The most aged man in Boston, belonging to the North end of the Town in which the most aged men have been found. Elder Lee of the North Brick died at 93, Elder Halsey of the same Church at 98, Master Wiswall at 93, Deacon Holland of the New North above 90, Deacon Sharp is now living about 90.

14. Sunday. This day Mr. Bolles of the Baptist Society baptised 10 persons by immersion. Two of them males & both from the North Church. Capt. Sweet of the Militia & his wife. And a Mr. Skerry above 60 years of age. The rest were females. A large concourse was assembled on the occasion. It is said that the Clergy of the Town are about to print a refutation of the Baptists as the Baptists consider as free plunder all the members of their Churches & rebaptise all who have been sprinkled at any age or baptised in any form in infancy. This superstition has all its fury at present in this place. Its violence must burst. Still like a storm, it may be short & leave many a wreck on the shore especially when many are too nigh to escape. I cannot think our Clergy equal to the controversy. I have lent them Robison to read. Parish's sermon, or invective against President Jefferson, is to be reprinted. Party have found that they profit much from the pulpit declamations. Mr. Popkin, lately of Boston, now at Newbury, has printed a Sermon preached at Newbury Port on the subject of one mind. The tendency of it is good, to show that sound practice is the best proof of sound faith or that we may put more stress on good actions than great professions. He is to be considered in a religious view as a great acquisition to that religiously benighted part of the County. He is about to print a sermon at a funeral occasion at Haverhill, on one Parker, a Lawyer. He appears to pass from the melancholy of his former derangement to a greater than natural confidence. This day departed from life our worthy friend Mrs. Phoebe Brown. She was the second wife of W[illiam] B[rown] who was her third husband. She had no children, but by her meekness & conciliatory temper she preserved the confidence & assisted the prosperity of a numerous family, æt. 63. At the same hour, died the wife of Major General Abbot, æt. 55.

16. Walked into the Great Pasture. Observe that over frost

*Came from Brunswick, Me.

fish brook entering at the Gate, the road to Medcalf's or Clay Brook Bridge, turns to the left giving Legg's hill in front a little on the right. Just before the Barn opened, the toll House on the turnpike is seen through a Hollow & Naugus head open to the southward of the Derby farm House in South fields. Col. Pickman has purchased many lots in the Great Pasture & has had them set off to him. Mr. Putnam, on the Pickering estate near the Turnpike, gave a good example last year.

17. This day Mr. Spaulding was installed in the Branch & the wife of Gen. Abbot was buried. Mr. Jeduthan Upton gave me a polite invitation to dine with the Council assembled this day but I declined & offered the following reasons. That the Church was built upon a division; the ministers of the town did not officiate; the ministers to officiate were to me unknown even by name; that I had not attended with the rival minister at the Tabernacle nor with the Baptist minister & should chuse to be consistent; that no ministers of my communion had been consulted & that no intercourse had ever existed between me & the candidate tho' we had lived in the same town for many years.

18. The day being unusually warm I took H[annah] Crown-inshield & S[arah] Prince into a Chaise with me to Nahant, my favorite place of amusement. Besides articles which I carried such as Lemons, Sugar, Coffee, Apples, Nuts, &c. I paid direct expences for Beef 54C, Bread 16, Toll 25, Gate 12, Nahant 2D, Donations 45, Horse hire 2D, Horseler 7. making the sum paid 5.59 The whole above 6 Dollars.

20. The town has been prosecuted for that part of their road which lays between Marblehead & Lynn. Above 140 dollars have been expended upon it in consequence of that prosecution. Salem has no equivalent for that road for should it be settled the inhabitants must separate. At present the houses are owned in Marblehead & only tenants taxed upon them. It appears from the plan that from the line of Lynn to the hill is 20 chains or 1-4 of a mile. It is another chain to the stump at Glovers & another to the place at which the Salem line enters Marblehead road, giving half a mile.

21. Sunday. [Notes] William Brown & children, prayers d. of his wife & one of his Sons in law, Masury, fr. at sea. Nancy Masury, d. of her husband, pr. for absent friends. Elizabeth Millet, d. of her Br. Masury, pr. for friends at sea. Betsey Gatchell & children, d. of her husband. Nicholas Lane & wife & children, d. of his Son in Law Gatchel. Last Wednesday was the installation of Revd. Joshua Spaulding in this town in the New Branch Meeting. None of the Ministers of the Town attended. The Officiating ministers were reported, Prayer by Revd. Mr. Pidgeon of Hampton, Sermon by Mr. Tuller of Rowley, Installation Prayer by Mr. Aikin of Dracut, Charge by Revd. Mr. Miltimore of Stratham, & the Fellowship of the Churches by Mr. Ste-

phens of Stoneham. It does not appear that any questions of discipline were discussed, tho' his sepeparation from his former Church was upon such points. Indeed he is not qualified for any discussions which depend on knowledge or abilities. Dr. Prince of this town has two sermons in the press. I know not their subjects. I have received an invitation to dine on Wednesday next with [the] ordaining Council in this Town who are to ordain Mr. Emerson in the South Church. The Council is not of the Town & I shall not attend.

22. My friend [Capt. Benjamin] Hodges taken with a bleeding at the Lungs. I never was more alarmed. I never before felt such sympathy. My tears flowed silently but plentifully. As I resisted them the waves rose. I suffered the current & sympathy recovered me.

23. The Court of Ipswich & Crowninshield's riot trial comes on again for the third time. No pains are spared to correct the rashness of the Old Man & to diminish the prosperity of that active family. Blake & Dexter are his Council. The old man has little prudence but his age & his family ought to secure to him at least the impartiality of the Court. I think often of English's wife's speech to her husband when talking of his innocence when in gaol for witchcraft. "What do you say of innocence? Were not our neighbours who were lately hanged as innocent as we. We must get out of danger, that's our duty."

24. This day was appointed for the ordination of Mr. Emerson as Colleague Pastor of the South Meeting House in this town. All the Clergy were invited to dine but Mr. Worcester of this town was the only minister in it who was invited into the Council. The three Congregational ministers & Episcopal did not attend. The Council went late into the Meeting House. A Lecture preceded & followed on the two evenings. I shall probably soon hear of the performers on this occasion & other circumstances.

25. On Ap. 6th it was supposed that we had a small shock of an earthquake. But as the thunder soon succeeded, it was very doubtful & the minds of the most observing were divided. But this day at 20 minutes past 6 P. M. we had a very sensible shock of several seconds. At first as I was passing upon the neck I thought it was the sound of carriages on the bridge but unusually loud. But upon my return I found all the inhabitants had felt it in their houses.

26. The third Jury which had Crowninshield's case could not agree & were dismissed. C. recognises. His friends think that Judge Sewall discovered prejudice but the truth is that the success of his sons has excited envy & party delights to mortify & distress the family. On Tuesday next the case of Crowninshield's wharf comes on again. It is too long. It has been cut once, and been viewed by Juries several times. So poor man he goes from Court to Court. Some say there is no party in all this conduct.

27. Capt. C[rowninshield] shewed me a copy of Voltaire & of a late history of the revolution in France which have been sent from France from his John the Son. It is suspected that the Wharf prosecution will be followed with many others as the encroachments are everywhere known. It is now ascertained that the Derby farm at Danvers, bought of Major Epes & improved by Mr. E. Derby & since in the possession of his Son, is actually sold to the Crowninshield family. The price named is 19000 D. for the farm, buildings, stock, utensils & all things as they now stand. These are mortifying circumstances. Major Epes sold this farm in the most fluctuating state of paper money & never realized any considerable proportion of it. Came at last poor into Salem, the last of the family of Hon. Epes, who was in good condition, & followed bellows making & died in great poverty. The major had nothing to blame in the contract or the payment, but he expected more pity in his distress as he never forfeited the character of a sober & honest man.

28. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Searle sick in the Charity House. He married a Becket. Capt. B. Hodges remains sick & in a situation to alarm our fears. A Mr. W[illiam] Hicks* formerly of Boston was found this morning drowned at the end of the Crowninshield lower wharf. It seems that he went to the Isle of France & there, from an injury he received, he obtained his discharge. That he continued in the Island eight years & by industry from small beginnings that he acquired considerable property & married & had children. By dissipation & gambling he had lost his property & returned to America & boarded near the wharf in a house not of the best reputation. They say he disappeared on the 20th instant. He was buried from the Charity House & many persons attended in the procession. In the past week Mr. Brown Emerson was ordained at the South Meeting Salem. The Council did not enter the Meeting House till noon & they proceeded with all the rigours of an examination as the Candidate was without any scruples to forbid his most zealous consent. Thus precedents are established to the injury of honest men by artful men of religious parties. The public services attracted no particular notice. They are thus reported. Introd[uction] Prayer by Mr. Spring of Newbury Port, Sermon by Mr. Page of Hancock, N. H., The Consecrating Prayer by Dr. Emmons of Franklin, the Charge by the Colleague Pastor Mr. Hopkins, The Hand of fellowship by Mr. Worcester, & the concluding prayer by Mr. Austin of Worcester. They had appropriate music. Such is the success of the High Party in Salem, that they have their Conference meetings, as they are called, of the four societies, two each every week besides the private meetings in which all are invited to take a part who have ignorance & impudence enough to engage. We have serious evils

*Son of John Hicks of Cambridge, who was killed at Lexington.

to apprehend from the present state of things, which many circumstances combine to prolong. The Baptists have purchased land to build a larger meeting house, instead of the present unfinished building. The other Societies are hungry & are not filled. The two new houses are not half paid for & depend altogether on proselytes. Should the spirit of proselytism fail, the societies must suffer in their interests. May God preserve us from the melancholy consequences of blind & perverted zeal which threatens us with many evils against which we have no foresight.

29. For the first time as of the Committee, I visited the Eastern School & found few Boys & not under the best government. The Amiable Master was relieved from his embarrassments in his occupation by this appointment. How much the balance of good may be in society must be determined by the friends of society. The woman's school contained above 60 including children of both sexes.

30. Was the day of visiting the Grammar School. Dr. Bacon & Mr. John Harthorne attended me as of the Select Committee. We found as many in the school as we expected, yet few of them were Grammar Scholars in the sense of the original establishment. Most were mere English readers. The habits of business are not favourable to Classic literature but the circumstances may exist to increase the inattention to such Institutions. We reproved the huddled manner of exhibition & required their names at their seats. One person exhibited in Greek in the Cyropedia of Xenophon.

May 1 [1805]. Many females were walking this morning. I did not imagine that the old idea of May day was existing in such force in the minds of our children. The valuable Library of Joseph Barrell at Corn Hill, is to be sold tomorrow. This eccentric man was a man of uncommon taste & for many years while he resided in Summer street, Boston, was a man of the best taste & could exhibit the best specimens. No man in New England was before him in his hospitality, unbanity, & polite accomplishments.

2. I received a letter from my Brother Fowle respecting a Deed of my Father's estate, to be given to him, he offering checks for the security of the heirs. I begged him to represent to my Father my full acquiescence. My answer was, Salem, May 2, 1805. My dear Brother, I have such unbound confidence in your integrity, that I wish you honestly & fully to accept a warranted Deed from my Father. I have no wish to have any check, I shall receive none. Assure my Father, that on my part, unreservedly I wish him to grant you such a deed, & I hope you will continue your best services towards him. Should you survive him, & should you think his estate more than sufficiently ample to reward your duty, you may then determine on such measures as our COMMON interest may require. It is my first wish that you would render my

father comfortable. The part you have already taken I approve. If you persevere no reward on earth is sufficient for you. your aff. Br. W. B.

5. Sunday. [Notes] Hannah Hodges, d. of her Brother Joshua Phippen, æt. 31, Husband & Brethren at Sea. Benjamin Babbidge, d. of her Brother J. Phippen, pr. for Brethren at Sea. Thomas Tiplady & wife, for her distressed by [St. Vitis] convulsions. John Berry & wife, her delivery.

7. This day we had our training. The Companies appeared under their respective Captains. Archer's Company No. 2, was the largest & the best young men & best disciplined. The Militia are respectable. The Cadets under Winn are not so well disciplined as formerly. Their firings in company are better than by divisions. The Artillery under Capt. Brooks, are good men. The new company under Major Saunders are preparing but were not on the Common. S. Derby is Lieutenant & J. White Ensign.

9. Joseph Searle, commonly known by the name Commadore, was an indolent man, a remarkable imitator of Cocks, so as to deceive the animal at any time of day or night. He was lecherous, but never drunk, tho' not abstemious. The whole family without any education & most given the same way. The leus v. obliged him to seek refuge in the public charity. He is a proof of strong drinking without the charge of loosing the use of his limbs or his tongue. He appeared to sink away without any special disease. I called upon him just before he died. He told me in his usual way that he always went to my meeting & said he, I have prayed for you in my way, as well as I could. He never seemed to associate any malignity with his enormities. A great plenty of Korsk* in our Bay & Market. And a greater number of the English Herring than has been ever known. Our Alewife has hardly been wanted for the Bay fishery this season. In the fresh state & in good order many may be had for a single cent each day.

12. Sunday. [Notes] Elizabeth Bartlet & children, d. of her Brother Joseph Searle, æt. 78. Joshua Webb & wife, her delivery, pr. for Brethren at sea. In this town last week were three Baptist ministers prepared to go down to Sedgewick in Penobscot Bay, to attend a remarkable conversion to their Sect. It seems Daniel Merrill, a Congregational minister not of great force, has long been perplexed with the question of Baptism. He has had his expedients to quiet his conscience. Such as standing [in] the water & dipping up the water in his basin, but finally he had come out clearly a Baptist. Many of his people were so inclined before & many have joined them. Sermons have been preached and have been printed. He is now to be ordained by the Baptists. Every thing has been done to make a public affair of it & to excite the public attention. Upon the return of the ministers we may

*The torsk or cusk.

expect the most of it. Dr. Stillman preached in town today. This name sounds loud in Salem & shews how deeply informed some are. It is to be remembered that excepting a few families not belonging to the Old Churches, the greater part of the adherents of the sects are from immigrants of the present generation. This week I had an opportunity to see Elias Smith against Thomas Baldwin. Smith entitles his work the *Man in the Smoke*. The facts seem to be, Smith is a changeable enthusiast with popular wit who has made great noise in Portsmouth, N. H. He visited Boston but soon appeared to exceed Stillman & Baldwin in popularity. As he was excentric, unguarded, & open, it was easy to betray him. They therefore quarrelled with him in the Vestry, condemned his opinions & obliged him to separate with Jones into a new division of the Sect. It seems that Smith has not Baldwin's notion of partial election. It is in vain to attempt to exhibit their opinions. They are opposed. Neither of them know why, but Smith is the smartest man of the two & both illiterate. Baldwin was the Aggressor as he published his Sermon preached on Feb. 19, 1804, under the senseless title, *The purpose of God the foundation of effectual Calling*. Smith has justly ridiculed the title & the book. The reviewer says of it "It seems calculated to give no favourable idea of either his talents or his learning." Smith had reason to answer, tho' he delayed 7 months. Tho' his talents as criticism are mean & his conceptions feeble, yet his wit upon subjects with[in] his reach is well adapted to expose his antagonists whom he confidently defies. The press has lately vomited out many nauseous things from this writer who still writes perseveringly against religious & civil oppressions, as he apprehends their danger or conceives their existence. Smith preaches in Friend street & has his share of Baptist Followers. He may be classed, if such men can be classed, among the Arminian Baptists. But he has not the talents or the learning of Jeremiah Condry, who resigned the First Baptist Church to Stillman. Smith says, Dr. Stillman preaching for Baldwin about the time of the Sermon said, *The Land of that Church was given & the deed says so long as three Calvinists*. Smith says the deed says nothing of three Calvinists. This is not the first time the Dr. has been mistaken.

13. Went with Major Sprague to Lynn. Visited Ezra Collins & Joseph Fuller agreeably. We took tea at Mr. Fullers & returned just after sundown.

15. The parties held their Caucuses this evening. The opposition proposed Monday, but finding the day of the Republicans they changed the time. To send six members was determined by the Republicans but interests as they regard numbers are so nearly balanced in Salem that parties are very jealous of each other & pursue their measures very secretly. I gave my advice freely for the old number of Three but the Republicans were determined to betray no fears.

16. Our Election Day. Great efforts were made to prevent the sending of more than Three, but the Republicans feeling strong thought they might go for six when, according to the Boston reckonings, they might go for nine. In consequence a majority of one hundred was obtained for six Republican members. On the Opposition ticket, [B.] Pickman was the Rival of Crowninshield in the election for Congress in the intentions of his friends. Formerly in the Senate of Mass. which he resigned in hopes. [S.] Ropes & [E.] Emerton are dismissed Officers from the Revenue & Excise. [E.] Beckford was a former ejected Representative, & [S. G.] Derby is from a branch of the Derby family most violently opposed to their Cousins Crowninshields, with whom this individual is at war & whose estate or patrimony they purchased. Pickman married a Derby & threatens to go to Boston.

18. The Town have chosen a Committee to revise the Town Books. Col. Pickman, J. Prince & J. Story are of this Committee & Mr. J. Punchard, Town Clerk is their Clerk. I have no expectations from them but the greatest expence from the unequal talents they possess & from their inexperience. Col. Harthorne gave the information with some strictures upon the choice.

19. Sunday. A singular question has occurred in Lynn, respecting the Meeting House on Election days. The proprietors dispute whether the right to use it does not cease upon the establishment of different houses of worship. I gave my opinion that so long as the House built by the whole town remained, the consequent separations did not alienate the use of the house for their joint interest for other than religious purposes, such as were enjoyed before that separation. This I grounded upon precedent in all Houses of Worship which I had known. To be obliged to build Town Halls in all towns into which any little sect might intrude would be a service which no prudence would recommend. Mrs. Ann Alexander, a Preacher of note among the Friends, was on her journey from Philadelphia to New York to Great Britain. We have not so many European visitors in New England, say the Friends with whom I converse, as formerly. At the last association, I was informed that Mr. Worcester of the Tabernacle was admitted a member. Whether he stands fair without brethren of the neighbourhood from which he was dismissed particularly with the members of the Exparty Council, I suspect would be a doubt on some occasions. But it is too observable how the disciplinarians in some cases are the greatest Latitudinarians in other cases as may suit. Not an enquiry was made on the occasion. The good Baptists have put in circulation that the Baptist Minister of the Town has written in his absence to Dr. Stillman of Boston, that he dreamt that Salem would be sunk by an Earthquake & that Dr. S. says he dreamt so at the same time. Such are the little arts to awaken superstition & to enslave mankind.



SPECIMAN OF PENMANSHIP.

West School, Salem, 1806.

20. Was the quarterly visitation of the Schools of Salem. This was the first visit I have attended with the whole Committee. We found the Centre Writing School thin & with nothing to recommend it. The Cyphering Books not in Good order. We then divided & I went to the West School. In this we found pleasing specimens of penmanship. The Eastern Division reported favourably in comparison of former times. Did our Boston schools look so to the visitors, or am I grown older & do I forget former appearances.

21. We visited the Grammar School. We paid no attention to the English Scholars. Our principal object at this time was the reading. We disposed the Infinitive after the present in Conjugating, if the present ought to be mentioned at all in Latin, more than the infinitive in Greek. Virgil was read better than Horace. The Greek Testament better than Latin. We agreed upon a uniform English pronunciation of Latin rather than a partial attempt at the Italian A. till Europeans agree.

24. This day I spent agreeably at Nahant. We were successful enough in fishing, & were handsomely received. With H[annah] C[rowninshield] I had May Williams. She is the only living child of an Apothecary. Handsome, sensible, & one of the best girls with her pen that our country has ever produced. After the usual sports on the Beaches & Iron bound shore we reached Salem before Sundown.

25. The use of Coffee, which first appeared in Europe in 1657 but not much used for thirty years afterwards. In 1764 above 9 millions weight was exported from St. Domingo, from the Cape only & above 3 millions from other parts. Tea has had great use but Coffee is continually supplanting it. The comparative use of Tea at present is small. No house is without coffee. Tea is rarely asked for Travellers, even females.

26. Sunday. Mr. Bigelow* formerly a teacher in this Town is appointed to the Grammar School in Boston, lately kept by Mr. S. Hunt, who has been dismissed, but with public & private donations amounting to four thousand dollars.

27. In company with Messieurs Vincent, Richardson & Browne I left Salem at 4 in the morning on an intended visit to Gen. John Stark, the Hero of the Northern Army in our Revolution & now living at Derryfield, N. Hampshire. We passed through the north parish in Reading, the north part of Wilmington & reached Roger's in Tewksbury for breakfast, between 9 and 10 o'clock. We then passed on towards the locks of Middlesex Canal & for the first time I ascended from the Merrimac into the Canal by three narrow locks 26 feet. We then passed on to Tyngsborough & Dunstable, & made our stop at tea & Dinner, at Taylor's at the mouth of the Nashua which is a feeble stream over a bed

*William Bigelow, author of text books and later located at Natick.

of rocks which everywhere appear. The prospect here is beautiful. After refreshments we passed to Thornton's, Merrimac, for Lodgings. We found a miserable cluster of buildings, but great preparations for a very handsome house. Our accomodations were beyond our expectations.

28. With fine weather, after breakfast we went inward towards General Stark's. We soon passed the Souhegan, which was deeper and had a bed in its passage at the road more fit for navigation than the Nashua, but not so broad. We found on all this rout a bed of sands & a country little cultivated & little deserving it. After passing through the edges of Bedford & Goffstown & over Curtis' Brook, which afforded good mill seats, we reached the falls. Several buildings have been erected in the neighbourhood since the project of the Canal by Blodget. The cascade is much broken & extends for a considerable distance in the river. The busy multitude on every part of the falls employed in the fishery for salmon, shad, & the other fish of passage, prevented the contemplation of the awful grandeur of the roaring waters of which we had a very admirable view after we had passed the river [and] were ascending to the habitation of Gen. Stark. Impressed with the history of this Hero of our age, the first who gave a check to the arms of Britain, I knew not what to expect in this new situation. The Country promised me nothing. We soon found the difference which the band of culture can create & entered upon the lands of the general. His house commanded a view of the river but evidently was not placed with that design. No part of it could have been visible in an uncleared country and but a small part of what might have been commanded in many places around it. It was the large house of the farmer without any ornaments whatever but uncommonly spacious for this part of the country & evidently of an architecture of the past half century. The Barns & out houses were disposed for convenience. Everywhere was to be seen industry, care & profit, nowhere luxury, expence & ornament. Upon riding up to the door, the wife came out, an open countenance bid us welcome & the General called. He appeared as an Old farmer without any address & in the cloathing his own farm furnished & such as his neighbours wore. But his small eye was piercing. He had Franklin's manner learnt in the school of nature. Short sentences all of which held some simple truth. His servants were in the field & he soon began to assist in taking care of the Horses. We were welcomed & no more was said. We were at home instantly. Upon his expedition we began but he seemed more interested in opposing the strides of power, for such he viewed the conduct of the late administration. He had much warmth but it was in his language & in his soul, it did not disturb his manners or make him clamorous. He spake as man more used to act than talk & who felt more than he wished to say.

I had not the best opportunity for conversation because I was not alone & the style of conversation was conformed to the company. At the first opportunity I told him my design to obtain a portrait with his leave & that I had engaged an Italian Artist, but was dissuaded by one of the Company. The purpose did not displease him & I found that the Compliment would not have displeased him. But said he I will give you a subject for a picture to be sent to me. Give me a Cow with Adams holding the head, & C. C. Pinckney & King at the tail, with Hamilton milking, & Jay with his treaty upsetting the milk, & it shall fill a vacant place which I have on my walls which shall be kept for it. It is thus our Cows are milked when we have taken the pains to raise them. This milking work has kept mankind slaves ever since man has been known. Upon the subject of a late application to supply money for missionaries to the Indians he said, I will give you money to propagate the faith among them if you will assist me to raise as much more to hire one of them to come among us to teach us Morality. He then informed us that he was one of Roger's rangers & had been before for several months a prisoner among them & found the Indians a generous enemy. He declared it to be his opinion that the Indian wars were occasioned by the most cruel oppressions of which no fair reports had been made & by avaritious individuals against whom the Indians had no redress but in taking to their arms. He said he had learned true morality from the naked hearts of Indians. In speaking of Franklin, I found he had the first place in the heart of Gen. Stark. Said Gen. S. when Franklin said let there be light, there was light. One of the company discovering a disposition to speak much of his own wife who was present, the Gen. observed, It was right enough. One house filled was better than two spoilt. It was provoked & it was well said.

The Gen. says he shall be 77 years of age in September, 1805. He was born of Irish parents in Londonderry, 8 miles from the spot at which we then were, & was then upon his patrimony. These lands, called Derry fields were away from the town & had been lately incorporated with parts of two towns near them. His wife was a Page & was 15 years younger than himself. He has several Children. His son Major J. Stark & wife were with us. This son lives at Dunbarton, 20 miles from his father, & was on a visit. He lives in the best style of the country & is rich. One son who was not with us directs the affairs of the farm at home. The General has lands in different situations under his direction. Upon being congratulated by a Federalist upon the length of life, he observed that he wanted to go out of it, to see what several of his party lately dead were doing, as he supposed their eternal employment must be mischief. He told me that he was afflicted with a dysentery which appeared to him to be attended with increasing

debility, & that he had no thoughts that he should last out another year. At his table he received us with great hospitality. We had the fish from the river, & the provisions of the farm, with the greens of the wilderness. Everything was served up with neatness & prepared with good taste & the beverage* was from the rich Orchards which were around him. We heard not one word of the dinner before or after it. We were made truly welcome. Our engagements obliged us to retire soon after dinner & we returned in the same road we had passed up. The locks were still unfinished but much useful labour had been bestowed. At Thornton's we turned from the river towards Milford, stopped at Farwell's & reached Milford before sundown.

29. We spent with Mr. Nowell† at Milford. Above his house we found a hill from which we had an extensive view. But Whachuset just appeared on its northern side & Menadnoc was hidden behind the Peterborough mountains & could only be seen through an opening in a distant part of the Town. The Meeting House is situated in Milford near the Souhegan & is a neat & new building. Mill seats are near it & a wool carding machine is here turned by water. Several Traders are settled here & a company is incorporated to carry a canal into the Merrimac river. The Carpenters were framing a new bridge over the Souhegan which is not of great depth but several rods wide at this place. We observed near every stand of business that some Lawyer gave notice of his Office kept in the place & it is said, not without employment.

30. We were upon our return homeward & reached Tewksbury & thought it not best to force our journey by hard riding so as to reach Salem. We found every kind of entertainment in this house,‡ which has not lost its former reputation. We here met two men, named Todd from Rowley, who had been to the Chalybeate Springs in Rindge, N. H. These have been discovered lately & were unknown to the settlers when I visited the place 12 years ago. They were known to the Indians, as some of their works were found near to them, of which our fellow guests attempted a description. The waters have not yet been described in any printed account that I have seen.

31. We returned through Andover. Every visit discovers the improvement of a Town which always had a precedency among the interior towns but now is distinguished by two Academies & many handsome buildings. In Topsfield they were raising the new Turnpike bridge§ over Ipswich river & for the first time I saw the elegant Inn which is finished for the accomodation of travellers on the Newbury Turnpike. The road from Andover is in excellent order & still repairs upon it. The road is straitened &

*Cider.

†Capt. Moses Nowell, born in Newburyport.

‡Rogers Tavern.

§Not the present stone bridge which was built in 1854, but a wooden bridge.

widened through the northfields of Salem with great advantage to the face of the country. This is the first time I have passed this season since the work has been begun. Reached Salem before sundown.

June 1 [1805]. In Salem, the Bridge over South River enjoys attention. Every artifice is used to inflame the temper of the inhabitants & the most active on both sides are Federalists. The road over this Bridge will be strait from Derby's Farm for a whole mile, & will enter the town at Market street, nearly central, & the distance will be less than through the present southern part of the Town. Orne & Derby are the most powerful competitors. Orne is against the Bridge as it pass[es] his estate & shuts up his wharf upon South River.

2. Sunday. Notes. Elizabeth Sias, d. of her husband, on his passage from Batavia, in the Ship Franklin, Devereux, Master, he was Mate bound to Salem. He married Elizabeth Hunt, 22 April 1804. Brethren at Sea. Robert Richardson & wife & children, J. of Son in Law Sias, two sons at Sea. Sarah Batton, d. of her father, John Coffrin, æt. 86, at Windham, N. H. Mr. C. was young from Ireland, lived in Salem, removed to his sons, absent friends. Catherine Shad, d. of her father Coffrin, friends absent. In my journey I found no minister at Tewkesbury & Dunstable. Both ministers dismissed. Mr. Kidder lives at Dunstable. He sued his people. At Merrimac, Mr. Burnap is much esteemed. Mr. Fuller, late of Princeton, since his dismission lives in this town. He is dangerously sick. At Milford, Mr. More has lately printed an occasional sermon on turning to turn uppermost. I saw Mr. Aiken of Dracut, who gave me some account of the convention in Massachusetts. The Consociation for the present is abandoned. Osgood proposed to dine together at their own expence & to meet on Election morning. These measures obtained rather by surprise than judgment & a committee was appointed to make provisions. Mr. Spring of Newburyport, has published another extravagant thing which apart from its invectives & virulence, has his full share of paradox. He has found out that Jesus satisfied himself. To die to satisfy oneself is strange enough, but what should be strange in a world of mysteries. In Boston, some attempts to lessen Morse were to make an honest friend prefix his name to a just ridicule of Morse's impertinence. But the man declined the service. Spring also insults the Professor of Divinity.

3. I was at Boston at the Artillery Election. I saw a full map from Arrowsmith, of America. The execution was elegant. I found no new books. Nothing determined of the President of the College. Mr. Harris of Dorchester gave us a good sermon upon the Soldier. *Vita hominis Militia est*. I conversed with my good friends Eliot & Trueman, my Father & friends & returned.

The improvements in Boston are very great, especially lately in the wharves & in the lots near them. Buildings are numerous.

5. Took tea at Allen's farm & fished from the rocks for the first time this year. The establishment of a [Masonic] Lodge at Lynn is an object to the Brethren of Salem. I wrote to the Lodge at Marblehead & a letter to the G[rand] L[odge] with A. Lawrence & B. Hodges as Past Masters. I prepared also a Letter for the Master of Essex Lodge as my part of the duty. The Marblehead Lodge intends a celebration of 24 June next & notified us. We obtained 20 Dollars for Jonathan Pierce now of Boston.

7. The articles in the warrant for Town meeting on Monday next are the Topics of conversation. It is proposed to carry a Bridge from Market street into South Fields. The request will do little injury to any if granted. To grant lands on the Neck for House lots. All such lands as lay on the fence at Neck gate, in Shallop Cape & Spring Cove, as far as the foot of the hills, extending to Cat Cove, & Harthorne's land on point of rocks, or Water's town, and the harbour. To sell the poor's pasture which is a reserve near Danvers now laying common in the sheep pasture & entered only through the Minister's lot, on the reserve lands for the Ministers. And to repair North Field Bridge, which is seasonable, to meet the expences of opening straightening & widening & repairing that road through the fields to Upper Danvers. The roads are much improved since my day. That on the North river to Frye's Mills is new, as is the other lower road to Orne's point, tho' it in some parts is bridled.

8. This morning arrived Capt. B. Crowninshield of this Town from India in the New Ship America. He is in health with all his crew. Good voyage. The Union Marine Insurance have bought the estate* on which the present Sun Tavern stands & the present Post Office & Register Printing Office.

9. Sunday. Note. Ebed Stoddard & wife & Ch., d. of Capt. Courier of Bath, whose bands of marriage had been published to their daughter, pr. for a son & friends at sea. Mr. Spring has come out with much crude matter upon the self existence of Christ & has taken this opportunity to throw dirt at the Unitarians. But his special object seems to have been the Boston Ministry & the College. The Anthology has chosen some passages to expose this inflammatory libel but the book will remain a more complete specimen of the illiberal views which still darken the minds of the Clergy.

10. This was the day to decide whether a Bridge should pass over South River from Market street. The inhabitants came abroad and arranged themselves in Court street & it appeared that a small majority was against the Bridge. To detail prejudices &

*The present Bowker Place, 150 Essex Street. The earlier Sun Tavern was taken down in 1800, when "Billy" Gray built his mansion.

call them reasons would be absurd. Capt. Orne has all the means ready instantly to obstruct the course of the new road by new buildings. The meanness of party appeared on both sides. Story was employed by Orne against Derby & the Bridge. The Crown-inshields voted against the Bridge. A committee is chosen to examine the Neck & the grounds prepared for new settlements. This settlement too is to be opposed.

12. This day had fishing from the Neck rocks. This day was appointed for our Parish meeting about the Meeting House. But the public mind was so deeply interested as never to ring the bell or take any notice of the adjournment. So much for incessant exertions to serve a people. Three meetings have been held without any system or any effect. If these things are done in the green tree, what shall be done in the dry.

13. Rode to Shillaber's plain between Salem & Danvers on the old Boston Road. We carried our conveniences. Mary W[illiams] and Hannah C[rowninshield] with me. Opposite the house, in a westerly direction we passed over the plains till we came to the foot of the rocks at which the Stone Cutters were employed. On the left of the path as we entered we found Traske's Spring, which flowed freely and appeared to have an open passage underground. Not far to the westward of it was Widgeon hole & just beyond small widgeon hole. It discharged freely for so small surface & its waters had an unusual clearness. We then passed on one quarter of a mile to Bartolomew's Ponds, Great & little. Just from the path which goes S. W. of the pond is a rock placed by nature upon other irregular rocks which spread a flat & regular surface of 20 feet & affords a large shelter for sheep. It was once resorted to by a delirious man named Pease, & then it was enclosed with small rocks & a flat rock within afforded him a bed, circumstances told with pleasure by the neighbours impressed by the wildness of the scenery. We returned upon our steps & dined at Shillaber's. Batholomew's pond extends over a few acres & is on the south of high land. It is more accessable on its south-eastern side on which the land is lowest. It is deeper on the northern part & the hill is in a state of nature so that with difficulty we passed. We were told that no fish were in the pond but we saw pout & perch, & they told us of a fish, not elsewhere, which they were to shew us, but which they considered as not contradicting the general assertion, no fish, as by it was meant, of the common kind. The large tadpoles & Bullfrogs we saw in abundance & larger than I had ever seen. After dinner we passed to Spring pond & took the perch & shiners. The day was pleasant. We returned to Shillaber's at Coffee time & thence home. I was promised a view of this whole square contained between Butt brook road & the Sluice road & the old Boston road & the Newbury turnpike. It probably is about 2 by three miles. Dog pond is upon the

high ground back of Brown's pond & Cedar pond beyond it. The latter is said to be source of the Sluice waters which feed Flax pond. The young ladies furnished themselves with the *Kalmia*, swamp apples, yellow lilies, so called, etc.

14. This evening a Mr. John Edwards was drowned in the offing in an attempt to quit the *Franklin* in his boat which was upset by one of the ships spars when under full sale. Another boat had the mast broken.

15. The greatest preparations for the next meeting on Monday to reconsider the vote upon the Bridge. The Derby family make very liberal proposals. The violent manner in which a large building was instantly raised upon the spot in which the road is to run, has given great power to the prejudices of the town & has wrought a very serious change of opinions.

16. Sunday. Notes. Mary Whitford, d. of her only son John. He leaped overboard from the Brig *Aurora*, W. Webb master, on the 20 Feb. last æt. 30. He had long been deranged by excessive intemperance. In youth active & useful. William Oliver & wife, d. of her Brother J. Whitford. He married a Pierce. Great disturbances with the Baptists in Portsmouth, N. H. The extreme excentricity of Smith has subjected [them] to insults from the rabble who broke the windows & added every expression of their contempt. An account & a complaint appears in one of the *Gazettes*. Constables have attended his assemblies at Jones' Oil House, Friend Street, Boston. He says he did not write the Book of letters which has given much offence at Portsmouth. The increase of printing presses & of the Capitals employed in them is great beyond expectation. The fairs increase the circulation of Books* & if few works of reputation are inactive, the best works in English may be found in American Editions. Already all who sell at the fair send previously a List of the Books they are to exchange & have published in the preceding years & by a Bylaw, a report for the fair last year is required.

17. The meeting on the Bridge & it was soon discovered what change had been made in the public mind by the violence of party interest. Instead of a majority of 24 against the bridge, a majority of 160 was obtained for it over 180 that remained in opposition. The coalition of party men in this business had the most powerful effect & must have convinced them that when influence is used disingenuously, by a free people it will be despised.

19. Being a military day I went to Nahant with two young misses, my pupil & B. Clarke. We passed the day agreeably & escaped the heats of the Town as the glass was above 90. The Military parade was of the Companies only. In the evening the Artillery without uniforms appeared & paid the honours of the Day. Mr.

*This was the custom in Europe, particularly in Germany, during the 16th and 18th centuries.

Breed assures me that the Animal plants can easily be obtained at the low tides at change & full & has promised to collect many for me at the next change. Many persons are expecting these favours as the public attention has been excited towards them.

21. Attempts are made to excite the public prejudices against the sale of any part of the Neck. Some attempts are made in the Register to remove or soften these prejudices. The Selectmen have proceeded & staked out the road through Southfields to the intended Bridge at Market street. They are at work before we reach Gardner's mills in cutting off a circuitous route on the shore, in order to pass directly onwards.

22. I have now finished 46 years of life. May I be calmly ready to suffer whatever is before me of evil, & with good purposes to maintain the true riches of every blessing. This evening died, after a short illness, the Daughter of Rev. Thomas Oliver, which lately married Mr. Joseph Story, Attorney at Law. Her frame was feeble. This week has also died Wid. Mary Harthorne, æt. 83. She was a Tousel from the family which came from the Island of Jersey, & which married into the Harthorne family in the past generation. Two sisters married Harthornes, the Son died single, & the name is extinct. By a most slavish gypsy life, she acquired property in peddling from Salem in the neighbouring towns, by a parsimony almost unexampled among us.* In advanced life all the Children suffered from this mean education tho' no family had more pride of descent. Most of the daughters have perished miserably by the most degrading intemperance, & one of the Sons. A Son & two daughters survive. The town is full of tales of their drams & payments for them. They hold much of the property of the first Harthorne but the family in this branch has lost the primitive manners & influence & reputation.

23. Sunday. Wid. Mercy Townsend, d. of Brother in Law Capt. Isaac Very, Br. at Sea. Mary Townsend, d. of her Br. in Law Very, pr. for Husband & Brethren at sea. We have the new light times in full glory. So many new Societies, all of which stand in need of more proselytes & are in debt for adventures in building &c. give all the low arts full play, & the want of instant success renders the temper of the new sects highly irritable. Sects in their infancy are much like children, very cross & peevish. They have strong passions & little judgment, have many faults & yet many efforts before they get strong & make the world think favourably of their strength. Salem was never before so infested with them. And they abound in all the places where superstition has not great talents to contend with. In Cape Ann Town,† Mr. Lincoln has a call for settlement. But the Old Parish still remains

*See Bentley's Diary, March 25, 1802, for some account of the daughter Mary.

†Gloucester.

a prey to the invasion of the wandering zealots. The number of vagabonds continues to increase.

24. Concluding not to go to Reading, I went to Marblehead & found no arrangements.* At length it was agreed as the services were in the new Meeting House, that Mr. Mead should make the first prayer, Mr. Bowers of St. Michael's Church was appointed to preach & to myself & Thacher of Lynn, came the other services. The dinner was splendid, rich & abundant. The band of music was attentive. The singing happy & the enjoyment universal. In good season Humphrey's hall was emptied & nothing took place to interrupt the pleasures of the day. Mr. Bowers was successful on the occasion.

26. This day visited the farm lately purchased by Jacob Crowninshield of the Derby family in Danvers. The Strawberries were in great perfection & plenty. We fed & came away richly laden. The family were with us on the occasion. This day the Ship America of the firm of Crowninshield sailed for Europe & thence for India.

28. Mr. [Edward] Carrol was buried yesterday. An uncommon excrescence formed upon the leg 30 years ago, which grew to a size which was monstrous. He was employed in the ferry at Beverly till it ceased, & then used Boat fishing. He was cheerful, but at length a mortification took it & a bleeding ensued which ended his life.

29. Mr. [Thomas] Paine's ridicule of Mr. [Timothy] Pickering, grounded upon Mr. Pickering's ridicule of the militia, has excited much merriment. No just cause is known for the slow step of Mr. Pickering at Concord Fight, but no evidence has appeared to justify the belief that he stopped to pray. If Mr. P. had behaved well on that day, all the grades of promotion in the army prove that he was no soldier so that Mr. Paine will be amply justified with posterity for this hint of a most fatal delay.

30. Sunday. Mary Foote, aet. 80, infirm, pr. for a Son at Sea. Daniel Caldwell & wife, d. of her father Carrol. Joseph Waters & children, d. of his Brother in Law Carrol. Lydia Dean & children, d. of her Brother in law Carrol, p. son at sea. Thomas Groves & wife, delivery, He bound to Sea. In Gloucester, the Old parish are infested with ignorant sectaries. In the town they have given a call to a Mr. Lincoln at 1000 D a year & no settlement. This is more frequently done now than formerly. A settlement was the first object as the rise of lands & estates enriched a man in the years of his ministry. The present state of property is not so favourable now to such calculations and a good salary is found to be more permanent. Mr. Spaulding, of the Branch Church in this town is published for marriage.† In Gloucester, the

*A masonic occasion—the festival of St. John.

†He married, on July 16th, Miss Elizabeth Bradshaw.



THE SHIP AMERICA, BENJAMIN CROWNSHIELD, JR., MASTER.

From the painting by Anton Roux, showing the ship in 1806, at anchor at Marseilles.

Universalists are preparing in the town to build a new & larger meeting house for Mr. Jones who is at present with them. It is not ascertained that Mr. Samuel Hunt, who has been in the Grammar School in Boston ever since 1769 & till the siege in the North & afterwards in the South School, has been dismissed. The Town has given him some thing & private Benefactors. This has been done by the ruling influence of the Town & no other charge appears than from prejudice against him for a supposed deficiency of talents which they have at length discovered after 36 years. Mr. W[illiam] Bigelow, who has taught in Salem, is his Successor & the exchange promises the Town no advantage.

July 1 [1805]. With the School Committee on the subject of repairs on the Center School & on better provision for the Public Women School. Nothing was done from the jealousies lest some advantages should be gained for particular Schools. A person tried & found faithful will return to the School for 150 D a year instead of 100. At present the Schools are of little benefit. Capt. Bullock* has written word from Jamaica of his capture. His Ship worth 80,000D was taken by a British Frigate going from Leguira to Curracoa. The last a blockaded place. Little hope of seeing the Ship & Cargo.

2. Was upon the School business & found the Schools poor enough. Agreed to report that public rooms be provided, that the Schools be located near the Master's reading & Writing Schools, & that competent provision be made for their support. The report was unanimously accepted & it was recommended to make arrangements accordingly. The change will principally regard the Center female Schools which will be reduced to one. The other ill remain much as present.

3. The Annual Meeting & Sermon of the Female Charitable Society of Salem. For the first time a procession was proposed by the Episcopal ministers, who performed. The ladies assembled in Vine street & passed through Liberty, Essex, & St. Peter's street. The number was small & without effect. In the Church the Music was not distinguished. Passages of Scripture were read & the Responses were from the organ & a few voices in the Organ loft. No part of the Service Book was read. A prayer was written on the occasion & two Hymns were sung from Belnap's collection. The Sermon was short & the audience chiefly consisted of females & was not crowded. The Collection after Sermon. Rev. Mr. Bowers of St. Michael's Church with his Lady dined with me. His amiable manners & good taste form a rich recommendation. The Collection was 146D.; in 1804, 247D.; in 1803, 320D.; Ratio of decrease great.

4. This day was celebrated with great pomp. In Salem the

*Capt. Benjamin Bullock in the ship Hazard.

opposition had a public service. The republicans dined at Frye's at the entrance to the Town. In the evening I walked to the Hill called Pickering's near the Turnpike, formerly in the corner of the sheep pasture wall, 1 1-2 miles from Salem town, & there we saw part of the display of fireworks in Boston. This day the new Independent Company appeared for the first time in their new uniform. The Coat is blue & the crest of the Cap red. All was quiet, after nine o'clock. I had the great honour of reading to our company the Declaration of Independence & the great pleasure of feeling the national gratitudes which gave the author of that Composition to be President of the United States.

5. In Boston two Orations yesterday, one in Charlestown, &c. In Lynn they had their first celebration. They proceeded from the Turnpike Hotel to the Methodist Meeting House & Mr. Jaines gave them a Sermon. The entertainment was at the Hotel. Capt. Burbeck superintended the fireworks in Boston.

7. Sunday. Notes. Ester Stanley, d. of her Sister at Ipswich, Husb. & Brother at Sea. The persecuting spirit which has troubled the political world, has indicated itself in the toasts of Salem. The Federalists gave "The Clergy, a cheering Luminary whose grateful influence is not to be impaired by the few spots which partially obscure it." The Methodist minister Mr. Jaines profits by the Republican temper of Lynn as did the stupid Pottle, a Baptist, at Ipswich.

9. Yesterday the report of the Committee on the Neck was called for in Town Meeting but from various causes it had not been made & further time was granted. Mr. Prescott of the Law said the Town had no right to sell. By such insolent assertions the public are liable to great impositions.

10. Spent the afternoon in Northfields upon Silsbee's Land Lots. I was accustomed formerly to visit frequently. The death of the Father prevented. I found great changes. The new road cut by Dr. Walter through the Lyndes from the Orne's point Old road to the water is very favourable to settlements. The cross road that meets it from the Great road is open, but narrow at its entrance. At Orne's point, Col. Cushing is making great improvements. He actually has at work the best Brick kiln in the neighbourhood, & it is pronounced that his clay is the best this side of Philadelphia. I know of no experiment upon his Clay. His bricks find a ready market & he soon intends to apply the patent mould which presses the bricks at forming them. He has cleared a spot which is surrounded with wood & has an easy communication with the shore. He has raised convenient buildings for his men whom he obtained from Hartford, Conn. & who are under two Overseers. He is finishing on the north quarter of his square, a pleasant House in the Italian style, one & an half story in the center with two wings with ground stories, displaying a pleasing front. A Wharf is begun upon the cove on the north side of

the brick kiln for the deeper water. This lot of land let before the present use of it for 30 dollars a year. A large kiln of bricks was burning while we were present. The Col. accompanied us to Cold Spring or Peter's Spring. We turned into the road which leads to Horse pasture Point, which is bridled. After opening the gate we turn to the left around a wall & descend to a little bridge going westward. After coming to the ditch we pass to the left under a pleasant conical hill at the foot of which not far from the inlet round Horse pasture is the spring. It was found at 49 when Farenheit stood in open air at 0. And it is not much above that at the present hour. It discharged nearly 60 gallons in a minute. A hat afforded the only vessel for this rich beverage. I carried my angling rod for fishing but found it impracticable below half tide. No part of the shore enjoys deep water & the Channel approaches the opposite shore at Horton's point, last so called, antiently point below Skerry's. It is contemplated to carry a road directly on from the entrance in the Great Road in the direction of the Shore as far as Orne's point. Col. Cushing says all but a Mr. Osgood had consented. The opposition it is said arises from the manner in which the road is intended to cut the lots. These lots appear in high cultivation but the appearance of such spots are less indebted to man originally in North fields had no precedence in its soil. It has been more cultivated on the east side of the great Road from the Bridge than any land in Salem but only on the lots which lay towards North River, on Porter's river & the back ground, begin to feel the hand which enriches.

11. Being a pleasant day I invited eight of my female singers, according to engagements, to go with me in the Custom House boat to Naugus. We fished, visited Aunt Morse's ale house, dined & took Coffee on the rocks & returned at Sundown. Several parties were out. The head is now almost cleared for grass ground. Before Col. Orne possessed it it was overgrown with bushes. The Crowninshields contemplated the purchase but yielded it up to Micah Haskell who plead his health & situation as exacting this tribute to friendship. Mr. Masury had charge of us.

12. I made another excursion to Spring Pond. The heat was very great. My glass was above 90 at 2 P. M. & the glass kept by Dr. Holyoke at 98. Dr. Oliver's glass at one time appeared at 102. On the Pond the air was more tolerable but no fish could be found for sport. I took only one shiner. Capt. G. G. Smith caught towards evening a Pickerel of 1-2 lb. I took Coffee at Shillaber's and at 9 P. M. returned. I did not, from the excessive heat, venture into the woods to explore that part of the Country laying towards Dogpond & towards Lynn line. Several deaths in Salem, but death has not yet visited us for three months in any of our families of the Society.

13. The morning hot & before one the glass within doors was 91°. The whole day was hot excepting the wind for a short time

was in the S.E. & indicated an approaching change. Capt. Ebenezer Buttolph Ward buried from Capt. Knight's this afternoon. He had a Cancer cut from his lip by Dr. Warren of Boston, but soon discovered the evil to have [been] seated in the Viscera. The wife of W. Cleaveand, who was a Barton, died yesterday & a wife of T. Cushing, Printer, a Dean.

14. Sunday. Thick fog, not entirely dispersed till 5 in the afternoon. Notes. Joseph Waters & children, d. of his Brother in law Capt. Ebenezer Buttolph Ward, æt. 46. Lydia Dean, d. of her B. in law, E. B. Ward, pr. for Son at Sea. Isaac Oakman & wife, d. of his mother, æt. 88, Wid. R. Oakman, She a Glover, christened 1717. In Lynn, in the past week, was a Great Meeting of the Methodists. We have not had such particular information as will probably be obtained when the meeting is over. The number of Preachers is said to be very large. At Merrimac [N. H., died] Rev. Timothy Fuller, æt. 66. He had been ordained at Princeton & his high political opinion obliged a sepeparation. He finally seated himself at Merrimac near his friend Mr. Burnap, & had distinguished himself as an excellent farmer. He was very sick when I was at Merrimac. He was educated at Cambridge & graduated 1760. His talents on the pulpit were not engaging. He has preached for me. His mind was not without strength but his studies had not been liberal & extensive. At Gloucester, last week [died] Revd. Ebenezer Cleaveland, æt. 80. He was born in Canterbury in Conn. & educated at Yale College. The noted New Light Times brought him & his late Brother at Chebacco, Ipswich, into this part of the country. The controversy with Mayhew, made his Brother more known. Ebenezer had not the fire & presence of his Brother & neither of them would be tolerable but to the worst prejudices. The most obscure situation of Ebenezer at Sandy Bay, made him little known till the revolution & then the extreme poverty of the settlement urged him to remove into the interior till the return of peace & of prosperity to Sandy Bay. He then came back but was never received as the Minister, tho' he occasionally officiated & more before the building of the New House. His improvements were less than his talents but a good account is given of him in the Newspapers. Last week was installed at Wenham, Revd. Rufus Anderson. This New Hampshire man was educated in that state & settled at North Yarmouth, Maine. But the increase of the Baptists under Mr. Green, lately from the New Mills, Danvers, had rendered his situation unhappy & he resigned his charge. He has consented to accept of Wenham & is to receive 500 D. a Year. His small & divided Parish have had no person since Jutson* left them, who came from Malden & is gone to Plymouth. Mr. Anderson is Brother in law to Rev. Mr. Mackeen, President of Bowdoin College. The

*Rev. Adoniram Judson.

President married his sister. Mr. Anderson has written on the subject of the Baptists. Not much can be promised from his Eloquence & it is expected that all must eventually depend on his prudence.

16. A letter from W[illiam] Duane vindicating the resentments of the family of Franklin against even Washington himself. I was a witness of the pains taken to injure that Great Man. Duane explains the cause of the dispute between him & Col. Lyon* which has caused such a torrent of abuse as Lyon's letter contains. Col. Lyon is well known.

17. Wrote to P[resident] Jeff[erson] upon the subject of some congratulation of Gen. Stark, recommending to the P[resident] to pay that just attention which his great services & patriotism required. Mr. C[rowninshield] covered the Letter. The news from Cape Ann of the expected death of Capt. J[ohn] Gibaut prevented the visit I was to pay to Newbury Port & Haverhill this week.

18. We learn from Lynn that the field meeting† has been dissolved. This was kept up for several days. And while the eccentricities of the Methodists tended to every disorder, many persons who were brought together by curiosity were ready to assist every disturbance, so that from the accounts I have yet obtained it is difficult to say who acted their part in the riotous proceedings with the greater success. The best of men with the best intentions would have found a part in the occasion difficult. But ignorance, superstition, & riot all did their part at Lynn. Fighting, prophanity, & folly had all their evils in this novel scene.

19. Died suddenly, B[enjamin] Hutchinson, æt. 37. He has for a long time been addicted to intemperance. The hot weather increased the propensity & this morning he died the mere victim of his excesses. He was free from any other great faults. This is the third victim in the hot weather of this week from the same cause & all about the same age. The connection from their known habits leaves no doubt of the cause upon the public mind.

21. Sunday. Notes. Elizabeth Hutchinson & children, d. of her Husband. Mary Hutchinson & children, d. of her son Benj., pr. for Son & G. Sons at Sea. The most interesting event in our neighbourhood is the first field meeting in the County of Essex, since Whitefield's field preaching. This differed from the former as they were for transient preaching, but this for days & nights. On Thursday se'en night,‡ this meeting began & some notice was given on Friday abroad. On Saturday, people began more freely to collect & on Sunday the concourse was large. The preaching, singing, &c. had nothing to distinguish it from the common eccentricities on such occasions. As the zeal became inflamed it became less discrete & the indiscretions ended in interruptions, & inter-

*Col. Mathew Lyon, M. C., from Vermont and Kentucky.

†Camp meeting.

‡"Seven night" i. e. a week before.

ferences, & in quarrels. On Wednesday last it became necessary to dissolve the meetings as the excesses had become intolerable. The common consent is that the Inn holder made the best bargain in this affair. Such was the Lynn meeting, as it is called. It is in vain a particular account is attempted. The Speakers are nearly of the same size, & the Hearers, of the same habits. The Rioters were chiefly from Boston, with every prejudice & without any information on the subject. Any man may judge what could be expected from such a groupe. A late account of a Campmeeting at Wethersfield, Vt. has been published, in which the people assembled, complained that every interruption which rioters could invent was employed on the occasion. It is melancholy to reflect on the brutal attempts to excite the passions & the many arts to prolong animal distresses in order to sport with the imagination, fainting, shouting, yelling, crying, sobbing, grieving, done in such method as to render it ridiculous to those who knew the method, but sure of great effect upon the unwary who have never before been witnesses. These are not new experiments but novel only in the form. The public imagination will probably prevent for the present any such bold attempts. We shall be better prepared soon by constant night meeting on which the weaker people instruct each other, & such evening lectures among the New lights as keep up the fury. Baptists & New Lights never held such influence before in Salem. Since the Close Communion Baptists have come into Salem, the Minister's duty has all its severest services attached to it. Before it was pleasant & happy. The Dissemination of Missionary Magazines is an artifice employed by Congregationalists, Episcopalians, Methodists, Baptists, & New Jerusalemers to assist their religious designs. Truth sits & in silence sees.

23. By the kind invitation of Major Joseph Sprague, I took Chaise with him for Haverhill. We passed up the new road to New Mills, Danvers, leaving on our right the Danvers & Beverly Iron Works, upon Porter's river erected last year, & proceeded over Topsfield Hill. We were obliged to leave the Turnpike bridge which was unfinished & passed over Ipswich river upon the old Bridge & then crossed into the New Turnpike Hotel to go to Newbury Port on the Turnpike. We found the turnpike in a very unfinished state after much labour & over a very unequal country & the travelling was not without some apprehensions for our safety. We entered Newburyport at the head of Court street & saw the foundations of the new Court House in the mall. We visited Gen. Cross & Titcomb at the Custom House & Revd. Mr. Cary's & dined at the Gen. Wolfe [tavern] kept by Perkins. After dinner we continued our rout to Haverhill on the western side of the river through Bradford & reached Haverhill before sundown. We were introduced to the family of the High Sheriff, Mr. Bart-

let, & lodged with them & took tea at Mr. Osgood's in a circle of Ladies. Next morning Wednesday, July 24, I was accompanied by a Capt. Willis, to a hill at the northern end of the street & upon the river from which a good prospect is given of the adjacent country. The best view of Haverhill is from the opposite side of the river. I visited also a family of Carleton, who married into a family with which I am acquainted. Some pleasing specimens of youthful proficiency were seen in drawing & writing. After breakfast at Mr. Bartlet's, I was introduced to Dr. N. Saltonstall who furnished [me] with many facts relative to the antient families of Gov. Leverett, Cooke, father & son, & the family of Saltonstall, all of which I shall preserve. The portraits were indeed a feast to me. After this rich entertainment I went with Major Sprague to the White farm which he inherits from his wife, 3 1-2 miles upon the Mass. line, the house standing in Atkinson. Here we saw the Canada Wheat at four feet high, the best Oats, & barley & the best flax which appeared upon the whole journey. Before dinner we went to see the Academy. The Minister Mr. Peabody, received us kindly. He married the Widow Shaw, daughter of Revd. Smith of Weymouth, & sister of the wife of the late President Adams. We found above 60 youths, about an equal number of males & females, & in good order. The building is in an most elevated situation & well accomodated. It is in a plain but lofty style & is surmounted by a bellfry with good effect. The lower part lays in one great undivided room & the stairs ascend on the south part from this room. The School of the Academy is in a spacious room & the females are on one side & the males on the other. We returned to the farm two miles to dine & after dinner returned in a more westerly route to Haverhill. We ascended also to the Academy on the western road & descended on the eastern on which we found better cultivation. After repeated interviews with our friends at Haverhill, we left the town for Salem. When we reached Topsfield we were informed that one of the workmen on the Turnpike had been killed by the falling of earth & another had suffered an amputation of one leg. And at the same time the news reached us of the death of Mr. William Carleton of Salem, Printer of the Impartial Register. Before I left Salem, I had been alarmed with a report of his derangement but did not see him in that state on the morning on which I left Salem. It progressed rapidly & at three on Tuesday night ended in his dissolution. He was a gay man. This he inherited from his father. He was generous & perhaps often thoughtless. He was yielding to his friends. He commenced his indisposition during his imprisonment for a libel on Pickering & without the usual cautions he prolonged it. His wife had long been sick & refused any attendance at night but from her family & the burden fell upon the husband. Many causes contributed to an event we deplore.

At Dr. Saltonstall's I saw for the first time the portraits of the two Elisha Cookes, very celebrated as Agents & active Magistrates of Massachusetts. Of the Elder Cooke a half length portrait & a three inch miniature are preserved. The miniature is excellent, the portrait is not so good as that of the younger Elisha Cooke, the Son. The Wife of the Son has a portrait hanging by her husband. A G[rand] daughter, Mary Herod, died Dec., 1804, [æ.] 82. Judge Saltonstall married this daughter, who afterwards married a Herod. The inscription upon the Tomb stone of Gov. John Leverett in the Old burying place by the Stone Chapel in Boston, is given to me, thus: *Hic jacet IOHANNES LEVERETT armiger, coloniae Massachusitensis Gubernator, pius, prudens, fortitudine nulli secundus, nec non clementiae et magnificientiae præclarus; qui cum hujus regiminis clavum per sex annos magno fidelium consensu et delictis fideliter et strenue tenuerit. Deo inserviens, obdormuit Die Martii 16 th anno Domini 1678-9 ætatis suæ Climacterico magno.* The person who gave me this copy supposes a mistake in the age but it is not probable when I compare it with the year of marriage in Governour Leveret's handwriting. The Saltonstall family have a miniature of one inch of Gov. Leveret that is set in gold & is still bright in its colour & is of the best expression & execution. They hold a portrait three quarter length, of their ancestor late Judge Saltonstall. A Shoe of Madam L., Wife of the Governour Leveret, was shown me. The heel & square toe were of the same length 2 1-2 inches. The sole was of one thickness of leather & the upper leather of wash leather & thin. The sole leather was of the common thickness of English soles. The Straps were cut for Clasps. The heel tap of the same leather with the sole 1-2 inch.

COOK FAMILY

Richard Cook came from Quedsley, Gloucestershire, about the year 1634.

Elisha Cook, son of said Richard, was born in Boston, N. E. Nov. 16, 1637. He married Elizabeth Leverett, Daughter of Gov. Leverett. She died July 1716 & her husband in Nov. following.

Elisha Cook, Son of said Elisha, was born Dec. 20, 1668. He married Jane Middlecott, Daughter of Richard Middlecott, Esqr., born Sept. 3, 1682. Elisha died Aug. 24, 1737 & she in Sept., 1743.

The following are the Children of the said Elisha & Jane who were baptised at the first Church of Christ in Boston: Elisha, Nov. 8, 1703. Middlecott, Aug. 20, 1705, died 1774. Elizabeth, Feb. 8, 1707-8. Sarah, April 23, 1710. Jane, March 9, 1711-12. Elisha, March 7, 1713-14. Jane, Nov. 20, 1715. Elisha, Aug. 25, 1717. Jane, Feb. 12, 1720-21. Mary, Sept. 29, 1723, died Dec. 1804, æt. 82.

Mary was married to Richard Saltonstall Esqr. of Haverhill. Her Son, Dr. Nathaniel Saltonstall, & the children of her daugh-



GOVERNOR JOHN LEVERETT

From the portrait attributed to Sir Peter Lely, now in possession of the Essex Institute.

ter Mrs. Badger, are the only descendants of the Cook family in 1805. Middlecott was never married. Sarah was married to a Mr. Phillips, & had only one Child who died childless. The other children died in infancy.

LEVERETT FAMILY

From the Governour's hand writing in his family Bible, Barker's, 1599.

John Leverett in Boston, N. E. his Book 1639 Ann. Do. married Hanna, the Daughter of Mr. Ralph Hudson, first, m. 1639.

Hudson, my first born Son, May 3, 1640, married Sarah Payton, 20 Aug. 1661 at Boston, N. E.

John, my second son born 1 July 1641, died in 1642.

Hanna, my first daughter born 16 April 1643, died 9 Dec. 1657, buried in Southwarke, E.

John, my third son born March 1645, died 1646.

My first wife Hanna died in Boston, 7 July 1646. Married, Sarah daughter of Elizabeth Sedgwick, widow of William, at Luisha in Kent, at the house of her Brother Mr. Robert Houghton, 9 Sept. 1647.

Sarah, my first born by her born in Boston N. E., 4 Aug. 1648, died in same month.

Sarah, my second d. born at Boston, 18 Aug. 1649, died same year.

Elizabeth, my third d. born at Boston, 26 April 1651, married to Elisha Cooke, Physician, 9 June 1663.

Ann, my fourth d. born in Boston, Nov. 15, 1652. Married 12 Nov. 1672 to John Hubbard, son of the Revd. Wm. Hubbard Teacher of the Church in Ipswich.

Sarah, my fifth d. born in Boston, 1 Aug. 1654, died same year.

Mary, my sixth d. born in Boston, 13 Feb. 1655, married 15: 10: 1675 to Paul Dudley.

Thomas, my first son & seventh Child born at Pickham, County of Surry, in England, 31 July 1658, died same year & buried in Southwark.

Sarah, my sixth daughter & eighth child born in Cripplegate Parish, in Holy Cross street, London, 21 Aug. 1659, died in 1661, buried in Southwark.

Hanna, was born 29 Aug. 1661 in London at the house of Brother Mr. Wm. Barret, at the George, in Breed street, married Eleazer Allen, 14 June in 1690.

Rebecca, was born at Boston, 5 Dec. 1664.

John, was born at Boston, 23 Aug. 1667, died in same year.

Janne, was born in Boston, 20 Aug. 1668, Jane died same year.

Sarah, my thirteenth birth by Sarah & eleventh d. born 30 June 1670 at Boston & died the same year.

Sarah, my fourteenth by Sarah & twelfth d. born 15 June 1673 at Boston, married Hon. Col. Nathaniel Byfield Esqr. of Bristol,

N. E. April 17, 1718, at the house of Revd. Mr. B. Wadsworth, Boston.

The Governour died in March, 1679, aet. 63. By the above account he returned to England & married in 1647 & returned to Boston in the next year 1648. That he continued in Boston till 1655 & was in England again in the beginning of 1658. That he had his family in London in 1659 & 1661 & that he had returned to America again in 1664. The marriage of Hanna, in 1690, is added in America, so that Eleazer Allen was in America. Was he a Son of James Allen of the first Church who was ordained Dec. 9, 1668, & of whose decease no account is given? I received for the Historical Society the Heraldry of the Scot family. I was shewn a Certificate signed by President Wadsworth of Cambridge, 1737, of a Batchelor's degree. It begins *Ver integrum illud tempus, &c.*

25. This day was interred our Printer Mr. W[illiam] Carlton. The procession was long & the recollection that he never had enjoyed his health since his imprisonment occasioned various sensations in the melancholy occasion. Thus departed the youthful victim of political party.

26. A Turtle feast with the Crowninshield family. Many deliberations about a Printer to be Editor of the Salem Register. Several applications have been made. A Mr. Blythe,* called Dr., lately from St. Christopher's, formerly of this Town. He made the Song upon the visit of Gen. Washington to this town. He had already proposed secretly a third paper to Macanulty. Mr. [Caleb] Cross, the editor of the Merrimac Gazette in Newbury Port, which has not succeeded. Antony Pasquin, the celebrated Williams, who is an outcast from the Democrat & Chronicle Office in Boston, is supposed to be the Stranger who has applied. Several are mentioned. A select meeting this evening. Hon. Jacob Crowninshield, Capt. Joshua Ward, Representatives, & John Harthorne, jun. a committee on the Subject of the Salem Register. Capt. Joseph White, agent for Carlton, consents to the use of the Types till the friends of Mr. Carlton are accomodated. A [Warwick] Palfrey [jr.] in Mr. Carlton's office is proposed as a discrete & capable youth.

28. Sunday. Notes. James Chever, wife & children, d. of D. Eliza, pr. for Son & Son in law at Sea. Wid. Sarah Brown, d. of her g. d. Chever, pr. for g. sons at sea. Elizabeth Carlton & Daughter, d. of her husband, for her sick & low. Benjamin Ward, junr. & wife, d. of her Son in Law Carlton. In my visit to Newbury Port & Haverhill, I found that the Baptists were making entrance into these places. In the neighbourhood of Newbury Port they preach at Noble's Meeting, so called, on Grasshopper plain, on the road to Newbury New Town & Amesbury. They preach also at Joppa

*Stephen C. Blythe, instructor in French, &c.

near the river below Newbury Port. The Meeting House on the plain had scarcely a pane of glass or a door or sash left. In Haverhill, the Baptists do more. The first & only regular Baptist Society in the Country, till within a few years, was in this town & Mr. Smith was a constant & not itinerant preacher. He died lately, & the Society is vacant. The Calvinistic Baptists have to contend with the Freewillers or Arminian Baptists under Smith, who is preaching from Portsmouth to Boston. Smith lately preached in a grove opposite Haverhill Town on Bradford side. Both parties keep up their lectures at the same hours & the inhabitants complain that their servants are absent till 10 & 11 in the evening. Report says everything of Elias Smith. Among other things, that a convert heard him instructing another preacher when to cry out, fall down, & make alarm.

They are raising at the new Branch Meeting, a turret & Cupola. The frame is already up. It is said that B. Ward senr. has given by actual deed a lot of land in St. Peter's street for a meeting house for the Universalists. It was in contemplation to obtain G. Richards from Portsmouth & to make him Editor of the Register, but the letter disowning the Democrats, in the Repertory, has checked these proposals. This evening one Crow,* drowned near Baker's Island, was brought to Town.

29. Villiers upon the reformation under Luther has proved the benefit of that event even in the french revolution. The Register appears against & a Contra paper is to be published at Newbury Port. The Salem Register is important enough to have powerful enemies & bold efforts to suppress it. But its friends speak of its support but do little with true courage.

30. I rode to Nahant with H[annah] C[rowninshield] & S. R. We were very successful in Angling from the rocks. We took several dozen perch besides a small cod & a tautoag. There I saw Mr. Bradley, the Father in law of Mr. Pollock, the best Entomologist in this part of our Country. We returned in the evening. The lad of the house in a few minutes furnished a great number of the marine animals of the family of *Molusca*, *Doris*, *aprodita*, *actinia*.

31. Went on the perambulation to fix the boundary Stones between Salem & Lynn & Marblehead. On the Turnpike in the divisional wall, all agreed. At Lynn in the divisional wall, all agreed. At the road called Old Boston road by Philip's many of the marks gone such as the barn, Blaney's House & Chimney, &c. Settled by consent, agreed. After a repast at Philip's we passed to the beach & fixed the Stone where Lynn heap of stones has laid for a long time above high water mark, all agreed. Then came the Marblehead Selectmen, Prince, James & Graves, & joined Richardson, Ward, Harthorne, & Buf-

*Christopher Crowell, aged 56.

ington from Salem, & Doliver & ——— from Lynn. They agreed upon the same spot at which the stones were found in the line to the beach giving at that distance from the beach above four rods, ——— links. At the road all agreed to fix in Philips Road the Marblehead stone which is 30 links from the wall, & 16 rods from the Lynn Stone in the same road. We then passed to Blaney's Tree in the Orchard at the angle between Salem & Marblehead. This Tree & Stump & Wall had been removed while the Farm was in the possession of Gen. [John] Glover, without any notice to the towns. We run all the lines & by agreement fixed the Stone. So far we agreed. When we came the 80 rods towards Marblehead, we found the stake & stones in a pasture 45 links from the wall on the north side of the road. It was now a question whether to put the stone in the pasture or south of [it] on the side of the road. As we had lost our former bounds when put in private grounds, it was concluded by a majority & a final acquiescence of all to put the Stone in the road recording the distance of the true bounds 45 links northward. We then passed to the Cragg rock & the stone, to indulge the two who seemed to dictate, it was put upon the Cragg on the side of the road, to be thrown down on the first attempt to remove the wall. It was then thought best to place the remaining stone in the Corner of Norden's wall on Forest river, but upon surveying the spot, at the request of the Marblehead selectmen, it was carried to silver hole & placed on the road near to the stake & stones, taking the distance. It was agreed that the wall near Forrest River should be provided with a stone. Gen. Foster* attended as Surveyor, & was very attentive & obliging throughout the day. We reached Salem town about eight o'clock having had less difficulty than we had experienced upon any former occasion as no political difference exists in the three towns.

August 2 [1805]. While Boston is making every provision against the fever, in Salem the Health Committee has as yet given no embarrassment to Commerce. The belief of the importation of disease does not readily prevail against interest & among men who suffer much abroad by quarantines.

3. We have the agreeable news of the recovery of such Fishermen as have lately been impressed by the British on the Banks. A vessel was sent from Salem to the Gov[ernment] at Halifax, & supported by the British Consul at Boston. Six of the men returned in the vessel this day.

4. Sunday. In Salem the conversation is revived respecting a Society of Universalists. The object is pursued with great zeal by a few men & the novel form in which the doctrine is published & abused, will be accommodated to many who now neglect all public worship. They follow the Baptists. Indulge all the preju-

*Gen. Gideon Foster of Danvers, now Peabody.

dices of their doctrines except in the conclusion. It is sane salvation & the hearers use it as they please.

6. Yesterday I was at Spring pond, Shilaber's. No fishing could be gotten from the heat. The Hill between Spring & Flax Ponds & back of the path between them gives a good prospect. The turnpike not half a mile distant. The pond back of the Lynn Spring abounded in the pond lillies but was inaccessible.

7. With a large party of our best citizens I spent this day on the water. It was calm upon leaving the wharves but we passed out between Cat Island & Black rock. We obtained fish & for the first time I saw the Whiting which was about a foot in length. After our fishing we visited Baker's Island & thence sailed home without any interruption to our pleasures. We were in Capt. Joshua Ward's safe boat attended by the Custom House Boat. The boys brought a couple of rabbits from Baker's Island, put on by Mr. Chapman at the Light House.

9. I had an opportunity at the Ship of being present at an exhibition of stuffed Animals, whose skins were in high preservation.

11. Sunday. In the Controversy which some angry bigots endeavored to raise in Bradford with the most excellent man of his times the Rev. Wm. Balch, the following pamphlets were printed which I notice to procure them at the first opportunity as Mr. Balch's replies will do him honour.

Letters from the first Church in Gloucester to the Second in Bradford with their answers. With an appendix, containing Mr. Balch's reply in the Council. Boston, Fowle, 1744. 32 pages.

The Vindication of the Second Church in Bradford against a brief narrative, &c. Boston, Rogers & Fowle, 1746. 24 pages.

Remarks on some points of Doctrine by Revd. W. Balch propagated from S. Wigglesworth of Ipswich & John Chipman of Beverly. Boston, Kneeland & Green, 1746, v. 44.

W. Balch's Vindication of some points of Doctrine in answer to Mess. Wigglesworth & Chipman. Boston, R. & Fowle, 1746, p. 92.

On Wednesday 7th instant, ord. in Gloucester town, Perez Lincoln, Sermon by Peter Whitney of Quincy. The invitations for the Association as a body have ceased. Mr. Worcester of the Tabernacle being admitted, Dr. Barnard as before has not the leading influence. Worcester ordained Anderson at Wenham & preached. Worcester is to ordain Walker at Danvers & Dr. Bernard did not officiate at Gloucester.

This day reached us from the First Parish in Gloucester, the account of the death of John Gibaut, Esqr. Collector for the port of Gloucester. We had long been in expectation of this event. He died this day at four in the afternoon. He was born in Salem, 1768, & pursued his preparatory studies for the University at the Dummer Academy at Newbury under the noted Master Moody.

This was at that time the only academy in the State which had a foundation & a high reputation. He spent several years in this Academy & entered Cambridge University in 1782. At this time he came to my knowledge. He was a modest, diligent & well informed youth at his admission, when I was at Cambridge. After I came to Salem in 1783, the highest obligations to his good parents obliged a particular attention to this only child. When he took his first degree in 1786 he was a Scholar, a Gentleman, & a man of sterling worth. But by becoming a student, his modesty degenerated into a reserve which confined his acquaintance, & feeling an aversion to the labours of society in the learned professions he was allured by the wealth of the families around him to try the seas. He went several voyages to the East Indies, but soon indulged the hopes of retirement. After his return in 1795, he undertook the Survey of Salem, its Harbour & Islands & brought out of obscurity N[athaniel] Bowditch who has since continued the survey of the Coast near us & has published several improved editions of works on Navigation. In this work Capt. Gibaut gave every angle, directed every calculation, & actually made every projection. Thus brought into notice he became an object of the just solicitude of his friends but his unconquerable habits still pursued retirement. With Capt. G. G. Smith, with whom he lived in the greatest intimacy, & in company with whom he had performed several voyages, he purchased the farm & Mills lying towards Anasquam in Gloucester in the Old Parish, & to that he removed with his old Father, his worthy Mother having sometime before deceased. Having a Mother in Law of the best of tempers & of the most happy domestic habits he established himself at this place. Upon the change of the administration his friends wrote in his favour, & among the letters I sent one to Mr. Gallatin & we obtained the Office of Collector in Gloucester. For a few months his ambition overcame the obstinacy of his habits but soon finding that he had a trusty man in Mr. Rogers, his Deputy Collector, he gave up application, & gradually decayed till he sunk insensibly into Death having passed the 37 year of his age. The manner in which the property of the farm & mills was invested, produced a separation from Capt. Smith, which his friends settled. His most worthy Father saw with painful anxiety his son refusing the highest usefulness of character & died before him. Thus terminated the life of a Man who had all the talents for usefulness & all the aid of friends with a settled aversion from all the habits of business, public life, & of an intercourse with the world.

12. By an invitation from the Upton family above 20 persons of the Town visited the farm called Hinckley's a part of the old Bartlet Farm upon Marblehead side. This farm contains about 60 acres & 30 of them lay in a field from the road to the sea upon a pleasant plain & is arable land, the rest for pasture. The

tenant is a Mr. Wright who married a relative of the Brother of Mr. Upton, who lives upon Col. Pickman's farm in South fields, which now, by purchases in the Great pasture, includes 500 acres. We passed down to the rocks & had abundant sport in fishing & the warmth of the day gave us safe amusements on the shores. After a dinner, in generous profusion, we walked upon Bartlet's beach, now called Philips', upon which the three towns of Salem, Lynn & Marblehead meet. After Coffee at sundown we returned to Salem well pleased with our innocent excursion. We found that the young green poplar made very light fishing poles. Our best fishing apparatus fares hard by unskillful hands upon the rocks.

13. The day of Capt. Gibaut's funeral. I rode in a Chaise with the widow Mary Elkins, Sister of Capt. G's. mother, a Crowninshield. We reached the house before ten & dined with the family. The Sons of the Crowninshields & several near relatives from Salem attended at the funeral. Mr. Jones of the Universalists prayed, Mr. Leonard of Anasquam was present & the Masons gave public honours. At the procession the Rain was heavy, so that at request, I said a few words at the grave. He was interred on the north side of his Father's Monument. From the Grave yard we returned homewards, took Coffee at Allen's in Manchester, & reached Salem just after sundown. To adjust the ceremonies of the procession required no small degree of address. But happily the rain did more than us all by obliging the Ladies to retire to their Carriages, the semblance of dispute seemed at an end. But I had not gotten out of sight of the Grave yard before I hear that some angry expressions had been used because a particular Chaise went before another that had some unknown higher claims. None of the Derby family attended except Mrs. West, & she stopped and dined at Low's, the public house, because she had not had a special invitation to dinner. A large dinner was provided but only two of us from out of town partook of it. I had hardly said Amen at the grave before application was made for my influence to get the office for a friend. Such is our glorious New England already. There is much ceremony in this town of Gloucester & it is said, much dissipation.

15. Attended at the Charity House the funeral of a Mariner, Jushua Hutcheson, æt. 25. He said he was from Virginia & had no parents living. Yesterday Mr. Walker ord. in the 2d Cong. Church at Danvers. The regular Clergy of Salem were not invited to unite in the Solemnities.

16. News of the death of John Fisher Esq. formerly Collector of the Port of Salem & afterwards Naval Officer at Portsmouth, N. H. He died in England in June last. By the revolution & his removal we have been deprived of all the means of obtaining our Commercial History, as the Custom House Books were removed & probably will be lost forever. We possess only what was in the

memory of the principal Merchants, the proportion of trade to the trade of Boston, & the general Exports & Imports. The principal part was the Fishery. The Revolution made an entire change in the Commercial Spirit of Salem.

17. With me Mr. [John] Gyles of Newburyport, recommended by Revd. Cary. He has the manners of a Gentleman. He preached in the neighbourhood of Taunton, Eng. Came to New Jersey state & preached at Elizabeth town, &c. & was invited to Newbury port by his Brother in law Rev. Mr. Boddily, who was soon succeeded by Mr. Gyles. He never writes for the Pulpit excepting scetches. He professes to be a Calvinist but he has not the antient manners of that sect. He has ventured to exchange with Mr. Andrews for which he was persecuted & maligned by his Brethren whose orthodoxy & charity do not live together.

18. Sunday. Notes. Widow Sarah Shehane & children, death of Son in Jamaica, pr. for fr. at Sea. Sally Shehane, D. of her Br. in law, pr. for husband & Brother at Sea. Hannah Franks, D. of her Benefactor John Gibaut Esq., pr. for Brother at Sea. Ordained at Danvers last week a Mr. Walker. Sermon by Revd. Spring of Newburyport. Dr. Bernard who has taken the direction of our Ordinations lately, has by introducing some of the other cast been obliged to take a more obscure station. At Wenham & Danvers he was [not] even invited to the Council. It is a pleasure to see men caught in the snare they lay for others. Dr. Morse's Panoplist is employed with a host of Pamphlets in the good cause of antiquated Orthodoxy. It is to be hoped their stupidity will work wonders in the reformation from Corruptions of Christianity. If the Anthology has been indiscrete in some of its animadversions, it has done much good in correcting the licentiousness of Theological writings which have been the meanest scribblings of the meanest men. A Mr. Punchard, mighty in religious meddling, has promised some facts relative to the transactions of Saugus. Better men are ashamed to confess that they were to be seen at such transactions as disgraced the Field Meetings. The Baptists continue to build their Brick house but do not make so much noise. Unfortunately one of the first converts has been found to have been with child several months by a man not her husband, at the time of her baptismal regeneration. She has compounded with them for her punishment & to avoid excommunication has been allowed to ask & receive a dismission. The People profit little from the discovery of these gross impositions. If they had, they must have long since ceased. Worcester has had one of his pupils, a [David] Jewett, preaching at Sandy Bay, Cape Ann. Mr. Leonard of Anasquam told me that tho' the Calvinists & Universalists had built their handsome meeting house together the Calvinists would proceed to chuse a Minister as soon as they could get a majority.

21. Capt. [Henry] Prince who has returned from the Mediterranean from Naples, Messina, & Marseilles, has brought me several valuable books which discover kind attention. He had an acquaintance with Dr. Valentin at Marseilles, who has written upon the American Fever. He speaks with the highest praise of the House of Fernes at Naples. He says the Bookstore had an immense collection, but he observed that but a small part were in binding & such as were much in parchment.

23. The question of the Neck agitated in late Town Meetings is discussed in the Newspapers. I am in favour of the sales & the right. The Gazette cannot shun personalities of which I am the subject. In the papers of this week the discussions may be seen respecting the Neck.

24. The house at Lynnfield, on Newbury Turnpike, is ready & an Innholder engaged. The Labour on that road is continued with zeal. Mr. Gleason has been with us with a commission from the Grand Lodge to promote a uniformity in the manner of working in Lodges. Nothing is yet done respecting the Register. Mr. Macanulty is supposed to act & the business is in the name of the widow of Mr. Carlton. Many persons have been named to conduct that paper but we have suffered in our country so much from renegades that confidence cannot easily be given.

25. Sunday. A friend from Boston with me this day, acquainted with religious concerns near the Capital, assures me that the inside of the Old South is now repairing in the most elegant manner & the galleries are prepared for the first families. The Church in Brattle street has also been elegantly painted. The North Episcopal Church, called Christ's Church, has also been repaired by subscription. A new Cong[regational] Meeting House has been erected towards Milton by consent, which is in wood but in a handsome style, upon the more distant parts of Dorchester. A New Brick Meeting House is begun in New Cambridge near West Boston Bridge. A new Meeting House has been erected at Brooklyn* & Mr. Higginson gave a new Bell. Mr. Baldwin, the Baptist, has been at Martha's Vineyard extending the influence of his sect. In Boston, in the West Society in the house built for Dr. Mayhew, a Son of the late Judge Lowell has been preaching. He has pursued his Theological Studies abroad in England & Scotland & is warmly supported by the friends of the family. It is expected that he will be established in that Congregation.

26. This day the Annual Visitation of the Schools. The proper Invitations were given to all Officers of the Town & the Masters directed to be present with their Scholars in the Court House at nine in the morning. The Committee of the Schools was together at an early hour. The examination was opened by prayer from Revd. N. Fisher of St. Peter's Church. The lower classes

*Brookline.

of the writing Schools were then examined by the Masters & then the best Scholars. Afterwards the Grammar School by Mr. Parker the Preceptor of that School. The writing Masters were Mr. E. Lang of the East School, East street; Mr. John Gray of the Centre school, Court st; Mr. Hacket of the West School, Dean street. READERS. The best boys in East School of higher class, Henry Cross, Eb. Ward, Jesse Kenny & Andrew Ward. The best boys in Centre School lower class, John Saule, very young, James Parnel, Henry Carwick. The best boys in West school lower class, Ambrose Curtis, Benjamin Beckford. Best boys in highest class of Centre school, Benja. Brookhouse, John Nichols, George Gray, Benja. Nichols, Tim. Winn, John Chapman, Thomas Trask, Rob. Barr, John Gray. Best in higher class of West School, James Derby, John Foster, G. Leach, G. Heusler, Durie Trumbull. James Derby of the Western School, unrivalled in writing. In Grammar School best & highest. St. Caldwell, John Burrill, Th. Savage, H. Gibbs. The premiums for the best Readers were given: In East School to Jesse Kenny & Andrew Ward. In Centre School to John Saule & George Gray. In Western School to B. Beckford & James Derby. In the Grammar School to St. Caldwell, John Burrill & H. Gibbs. T. Savage received last year. WRITER. James Derby read well, but was far superior to any one in writing. He was the only boy rewarded upon account of his writing. The Committee met in the evening & agreed to present to each of the youth's Zollikofer's exercises of piety, as their premium, & Mr. H. Hathorne was directed to purchase & deliver the copies. In the morning it was agreed that premiums should be given to the two best in each school & as many more to each school as the merit of the Schools should require. The youth present were 228, same number as in the last year.

On Sunday night at midnight died Elizabeth, wife of William Carleton, lately deceased. She was a Cooke. Her father Charles Cooke, a foreigner & mariner died at sea. Her mother was a Stone & sister of Elizabeth, wife of Joseph White. Mrs. C[arleton] when young discovered great activity of mind & body, was beautiful, was indulged, was caressed. I had the charge of her education. Addressed by many a youth, she refused all & deceived all. In these manners she lost her fair charms. Capt. Orne who had her promises, died abroad & lost her an acknowledgement. Mr. Carleton married her. Her condition did not suit her ambition, but she gave herself to gay scenes of life. Her health refused the charge & for a long time she was in decay. Upon the death of her husband she was removed to her Uncle White's & at this house had the fondest attentions. But she is now no more. Aet. 34. She had an active mind, an open countenance, great address, & might have been one of the happiest, best of women.

27. This evening Mrs. Elizabeth Carlton buried from her Uncle White's. This day died at Marblehead, Dr. Elisha Story, æt. 63. Never was a man more sincerely lamented in a Town. He held every office the town could give him whenever he consented. He married as his first wife, a Ruddock of our neighbourhood in Boston. He left behind him seventeen children & had had 22. He was not a regularly bred Physician of a public education, but had reputation & success. He was a man of good person & of most amiable character.

28. On Wednesday morning, being Commencement at Cambridge, I went to Cambridge & reached it at 10 o'clock when the procession had formed & was moving to the Meeting House. Pr. Pearson presided & Drs. Lathrop & Eliot prayed. I did not attend the exercises. I spent the day agreeably at Judge Winthrop's & dined with his family connections. In the evening a few of the principal graduates visited us. Mr. Hilliard is employed in a press at Cambridge. He has printed at his own right the Collection of Greek authors called the Minor Collection, which has been a great effort in our Country. Of the Psalms in Hebrew, he has proceeded no further than the first Thirty Psalms, as he tells me this is the full extent of the Hebrew exercises & therefore as much as is wanted. The work is left so that it may be at some future time completed. A Subscription for an Alphabetical Catalogue of Cambridge graduates succeeded. Mr. W[illiam] Winthrop's History of the Cambridge graduates he will not consent to print in a volume but he seemed inclined to print it in detached parts with a periodical paper published at Cambridge, called the Literary Miscellany. This work is now upon its 5th number & 2 volume, without a very high reputation. I purchased several things at Hilliard's from his own press. Among the Books I obtained Harris' Tour on the Ohio. This worthy man is given much to Book making. I found no particular things added to Judge Winthrop's library.

29. I traced the Concord Turnpike to the neighbourhood of Fresh Pond in Cambridge & following it thence across Cambridge common & observed its course near the College. W[illiam] Winthrop shewed me the course of another Turnpike to Lechmore's point, from which a Bridge is intended if it can be granted by the Legislature to Barton's point. The New Meeting House is begun & many roads opened near West Boston Bridge on Cambridge side. I rode into Boston & visited White's Book store. I obtained nothing new. Saw my friend Dr. J. Eliot & the worthy Mr. J[ames] Freeman of the Stone Chapel was at the Thursday Lecture. Dined with my father, visited a few friends & returned in the Stage to Salem.

30. Upon my return I found a letter from P[resident] Jeff[erson] in answer to a letter I sent him respecting G[en.] Stark.

The letter to Gen. S[tark] was very respectful & was immediately inclosed & sent on to Derryfield. I wrote to the General everything to express my high esteem of his character & services.

31. The death of Mr. C[arleton] & wife has induced the friends of the Salem Register to print it for Proprietors. Mr. Watson has the charge of Mr. Carleton's affairs for settlement.

September 1 [1805]. Sunday. Notes. B. Ward & wife, d. of d. in law Carleton. Joseph Vincent & wife, d. of her g. child Williams at Boston. B. Kitteridge & wife, d. of their only child. At Cambridge, I had time to collect little information about the clergy. Dr. Percy from S. C. has been preaching in the Episcopal Churches near Boston. At Cambridge they pronounced him clamorous, but did not appear to put a high value on his talents. Mr. Buckminister at Brattle street, has great favour but his epileptic fits promise not a long life to him. Mr. McKeen is not yet established at Hollis St. Ch[urch], Boston. The Baptists have made inroads upon the Churches in Ipswich by one Pottle. The quiet of this place is now seriously interrupted. The Preachers of Manchester were Whiting, Chever, Tappan, Parish, Crandall. Last night, a Crispin living in a family near the East Meeting, delivered herself before her time & concealed the child in a vault & went to Meeting. The child was found buried in ashes by the family in the afternoon service. The Physician pronounced the child an abortion & the girl was committed to the Work house where she had been several times. The character of these children has obliged complaints to the police from the parents. Serious conversation has been held in this town upon the subject of introducing a Universalist upon Relly's scheme in fact, but without any scheme but the sound of the name, among the friends of such a purpose. A Mr. Frothingham, Charlestown, is most active, & a Mr. Jona. Beckford has preached & prayed in that way. They calculate upon many whose aversion to the established ministers on account of politics, or whose wishes to check the superabundant success of stupid enthusiasts, have led them to declare in favour of anything that promises to control such evils as arise to the multitude. With the many, rather political than religious!

3. Every artifice is used to perplex the public mind respecting the principal characters in the Administration. The embarrassments of the L. Gov. Robbins, in his secular interest, & the inability of Mr. Otis, President of H. & Senate, to meet demands, are events which concur to shew how well the public would have been served by such men had the public money fell in their way.

6. The Newbury Port turnpike goes on heavily. The expences are not readily paid when it is known the income is for the present uncertain. We were told a tenant would take the excellent hotel at Lynnfield, but no adventurer is pleased with the uncertain prospects of such a situation. The proprietors have not learn[ed] to speak the language of discouragement.



NATHANIEL BOWDITCH.

From the portrait by Charles Osgood, now in the Peabody Museum, Salem.

7. We hear little now of the Marblehead Dry Dock. It was obtained for the purposes of division, but the expence will not be paid for such an end by the present subscribers. Mr. G[eorge] Crowninshield, Junr. has been active this week in the public service. Repeated attempts have been made to fix buoys upon the sunken rocks of our harbour but without effect. This generous navigator is now trying at his own expence beacons as in the Beverly harbour. Upon the Upper or Great Aquæ Vitæ he has fixed one upon the highest part which is out of water upon early ebb. Some fears are entertained whether this will stand. They are framed at bottom as cobb wharves, & loaded with stones with a staff & barrel as beacon. That upon the little Aquæ Vitæ or outer, or eastern, allows the cobb to stand lower in the saddle of the rock & it appears to be more secure. Upon the Haste, a pyramid of stones laid in mortar & white is erected beyond the reach of the sea. Mr. Bowditch's survey is promised. This self taught man is not quite honest to the fame of others. All the difficult part of this survey such as the precise distance of the great objects was done entirely by Capt. Gibaut, who left it finished, with soundings in his own hand, with me. Bowditch borrowed & kept it. Has added his own observations & claims the credit of the whole. Just so he has done to the Academy in his Longitude Communication. So he did in his survey of Salem. He kept the Book it is true, such as it is for he conceals it, but he never made a single projection as the papers in my hands proved, & yet he pretends that he has a claim to the work. He has no other than that Capt. Gibaut, in regard to his poverty, gave him all the pay which the Town granted for all our services.

8. Sunday. Note. John McEwen & wife, d. of their youngest child. At this season we are entertained by accounts from our Colleges of their Commencements. This zeal to give a reputation to these Institutions is highly laudible. But it may be misapplied. By representing little things great, the youth get a false standard of merit. And applause lavished, is pride flattered, & taste corrupted, and ambition weakened. The Character for Learning in New England is by no means preserved. From the MNSS. which I have seen, the Libraries I have visited & the records I have examined of the studies of our Old Ministers, I am convinced that in regard to the knowledge of their own times they were higher than we are. I know not one Hebrew Scholar in New England, nor one Orientalist. At Cambridge, by far our best College, the Printer told me that Thirty Psalms were enough & all he had printed. In Theology, few are acquainted with any but the few books of the day, & no Ecclesiastical Historian do I know that has consulted the best writers of this description, &c. The Cambridge exhibitions were praised highly, I never found them inferiour. In searching for Father Balch of Bradford's Contro-

versal papers, I found them easily, but not the papers written against him. The names of Chipman, Wigglesworth, & White could not keep their books in circulation for one generation. Father Balch could only preserve the names. I felt some veneration attached to these names till I read the Controversy. Mr. Balch had all the prejudices of his times to contend with. A well attested circumstance of history of Sectary virtue has been given from Boston. One Wilds, a Deacon of Stillman, has been very busy in stirring up the good work among the girls. No man suspected him. He was found by some bucks abroad at night leading a sister to a Store on a Wharf for indoctrination. He confesses the fact of going late at night but he says his object in leaving his family & home was secrecy in her experiences.

11. Two Juries in Town & the District Court. The Juries are upon the claims respecting the new Southfield Road & Bridge. In favour of the Road. The Contest between the friends of W[illiam] Orne & the Derbys has been warm. The Derbys have generously supported the road. W. Orne as ungenerously opposed it. The fire* on Sunday evening last did not discover any evil intention. I account for it in the following manner. Ropewalks are inhabited by the most lawless men & on Sundays it is not unusual to crawl into such places & spend away the day in concealment. Segars are in the mouths of our children as well as men. In a twine factory everything is liable to fire. The least indiscretion in this situation might be fatal. The Sunday practices & the segar practices are no secrets to the inhabitants. The Twine factory was upon the Rhust lot in the New County street, between Court street, & Ash street, & back of a House with brick ends. The lot was long & extended several hundred feet towards North river, & at the extreme [end] of the walk the fire was discovered. The factory filled the whole space from the House to the [river] bank & was one sheet of flame in a few minutes. It was seen by the poor people on the east side, when the first burst began at the North end.

13. A dismasted Schooner† from Kennebeck was brought in. The account is that the disaster was instant & not to be accounted for by any usual winds. Their sails were in & they were upon their beam ends, lost their masts, & were instantly in the same weather as before. An instant gust, not probably a water spout or whirlwind as they reported.

14. Public mind much agitated by the Commercial news which has arrived. The British have adopted a new Construction of the right of neutral powers. The Delivery & clearance at Neutral ports in their own bottoms does not make neutral property. We have gone to foreign ports & have returned to America & then

*Fisher's twin factory in the rear of the Capt. Daniel Rust house, County Street, now Federal Street.

†Schooner Ranger, Wiscasset, Me., for Tobago, W. I.

after clearance at the Custom House have gone for Europe & a market. The English deny this right at a time when an immense property is upon the Ocean & without any notice have actually taken & condemned many vessels in the exact state in which exists all our Commerce. About the Impressment of our seamen little ceremony is observed. At first some prudent pretences were used. Now little regard is paid to any protections or situations.

15. Sunday. Notes. Wm. Patterson & children, d. of his wife, pr. for Brethren at Sea. James Archer & wife, d. of her Sister P., pr. for a Brother at Sea. Nancy Farland, d. of her husband. Elizabeth Bartlet, d. of her Son in Law Farland, pr. for two sons absent. The Baptists are the most growing sect of the present times. Mr. Merrill who was converted with his Parish upon Penobscot Bay, has published seven sermons in vindication of his new opinions. An answer is announced from Revd. S. Austen of Worcester. Mr. Worcester of this town, has also preached sermons on the subject for which a subscription is opened in Salem. A minister in Mansfield in Connecticut, has promised sermons on the derived powers of Jesus Christ. So that this important controversy will probably be opened in New England. Dr. Emmons whose sermons are often before the public, & which excite attention by the constant efforts he makes at unqualified dogma, has printed his last thanksgiving discourse, against the position "that virtue consists in utility & that the end sanctions the means." I have not seen how he brings these two positions together. The sermon is praised. As his own peculiar distinction between religion & morality is known, his system of ethics cannot be simple.

16. Last Sunday night an attempt was made to put fire to the Distill House of Major Sprague near Northfield Bridge. The materials were discovered but the fire had made no progress nor was it burning when discovered. The Distill House had been broken open on the Thursday preceeding.

18. This morning took leave of me Mr. Turrell & a Capt. Rich. The first keeps a Cabinet in Boston for Natural History & the best ever shewn in that Capital & the other a Naturalist who has in his East India voyages paid great attention to the subject. We visited our Museum & from appearances I promised myself much from his diligence. I delivered him some money to dispose of in his intended voyage to France. Mr. Turrell has proposed his young friend for the Historical Society. He mentions a young [Samuel] Harris, Engraver in Boston, who has displayed taste in his profession & an inclination for Oriental Literature. Who can say that I shall not see American genius ripen in my own times? Mr. Rich has a great Collection in Conchology & some very valuable publications which had not been before seen in this part of America.

20. The question of the first born agitated in Salem in Newspapers.* I am informed that my friendship for Mr. Jefferson will subject me to great evils. Mr. Benjamin Webb is opening another Apothecary's Shop not far from Hemmenway in Essex Street nearly opposite to Herbert street. There are six reputable Apothecaries Shops kept in town besides some of inferior note. Williams, Osgood & Stearns, & below Lang, Hemmenway & Webb.

21. The conversation of the day is upon the oppressions which our Commerce suffer. The English blockade, capture & adjudicate at pleasure. The alarm is so great that vessels fitted for sea, still lay in port unable to proceed upon such risks as now exist. The most noisy are those who wish a war to make a change in our Government. The complaints are general & admit many reflections in the minds of those who apprehend any undue Mercantile or Commercial interest.

22. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Vincent & family, d. of his Mother in Law Hart, æt. 79, at Newbury Port. She had lived many years with her g. d. Briggs in Salem. On a visit. William Millet & wife, d. of their Child. Elizabeth Andrew & children, for her Son Nath., sick in Marblehead. In the Postoffice establishment are 1147 regular Postoffices. By these the intercourse of our Country is maintained with ease & from that intercourse religion must derive its substantial blessings. The Night Watches which the present state of New York has obliged them to increase, promise much to morals as the progress of vice is in the ratio of the works of darkness. Those Cities quiet in the night are of the purest morals in our Country. The publication of Music in our Gazettes as in the Norfolk paper, Mass., promises aid to that art on political & religious occasions. For the first time this day I had the sight of the noted work of Ward of Ipswich, entitled "The Simple Cobbler of Aggawam in America." At the first & twentieth page he says "I cannot think that *Materia prima* or *secunda* should be good for me, that am at least, *Materia Millesima sexcentessima quadragesima quinta*." Which with the subject fixes the age of the work. Strength of expression if not always of Thought is to be found. He is a violent opposer of Legal Toleration, & a furious Republican. How he reconciled these things we must ask the men of his own age & their many friends in the present generation. This work is entitled to regard. The Anabaptist Danbury Convention Address is favourable to a new Constitution & threatens the peace of the present religious establishment in Connecticut. The Consociation of their Churches is an aggravated Spiritual Tyranny. The Baptists in New England have a much greater progress than the Wesleyan Methodists, but in the southern States a success much less than their rivals. A late account of the Methodists from Bishop Alsbury, gives their com-

*See Salem Gazette, Sept. 20, 1805, for interesting communication.

municants at 120 thousand in fellowship & one million attending their ministry which will be a seventh of the population. They have 400 travelling preachers & 2 thousand local preachers. This increase is in 35 years. Much they say since the Conference in 1802. They have held from two to three hundred extraordinary meetings with great effect. To these they justly attribute their greatest success. And it is not to be doubted that had not their late meeting in Lynn been violently disturbed they must have begun a like successful work in this neighbourhood. Imagination is bound by no laws but of opinion & prejudice & the latter are yet free.

23. This is just the time when the public mind is agitated. Everything respecting Commerce aggravated by report & a stagnation of business.

24. We have an alarm this morning from the appearance of fire in Danvers. It proved to be the North Meeting House. It was burnt to the ground & no person is able to imagine how, as no suspicions rest on any person or attach themselves to any occurrence. No adjacent buildings could tempt the Incendiary & no animosities any enraged passions. It must have been the work of a deranged person, if not casual. The house has been built since I have been established in Salem.

25. We have been entertained by four numbers in vindication of Mr. Jefferson's conduct while Gov. of Virginia. From the best documents his vindication is ample & the facts are questioned upon which so much is said of his resignation & other measures. Posterity will see the nature of this foolish altercation. The use which has been made of the whole history & the proverbial expression of the Carter's mountain have required this full statement. The abuse which I receive, when called by name in the Federal papers, obliges me to take great satisfaction in the able vindication of the man I esteem as the greatest national benefactor.

26. This day I went for Boston in Cross Stage. Upon reaching town I found my Father indisposed. Went to Dr. Eliot & obtained the current news. Went to the Brattle Street Church & heard Mr. Buckminster, the Incumbent. Was sorry to find devotion prostituted to sly insinuations against the present administration. I begin to suspect great zeal in religion as the most sure signs of artifice to delude. After service I went from Mr. Turell's Cabinet to see Capt. Rich. I found not the man but had liberty to enter his Cabinet. This library & his Collection of plants was rich but many other things had connected themselves with his diligence. His collection of shells & of curiosities entitled him to every encouragement. At White's, I left Mr. P's letter upon his Father's works printed in America. I dined with my Father & in the evening returned to Salem.

28. The public mind much relieved by the greatest presumptive evidence that the destruction of the Meeting House in Danvers was by an insane person. Such a person was abroad all night & found with flint, steel, & rags about him. It is expected that they will rebuild immediately. The Ship Recovery from Batavia, returned last night & brings word of the death of the Capt. Nathaniel Brown. He was a most worthy young man and universally esteemed, æt. 34.

29. Sunday. Note. Crispin & wife, d. of youngest child. The Baptists in Ipswich have created great trouble. Mr. Frisbee of the first Church, naturally nervous, has been so much agitated as for some time to have been unable to attend to his public duties. He had enjoyed a long life in peace.

30. Son of Dr. Eliot with me. We rode to Danvers & visited the several Gentlemen on the roads. Saw the ruins of the Meeting House, passed for the first time to the Turnpike above the meeting house, & crossed from it down to Putnam's, & thence to Beverly to H. White's farm, & thence over Essex Bridge to Salem again. We visited the Museum & the principal parts of Salem.

October 2 [1805]. This day a letter from an Arabian Chief Said Aïmed, by Mr. Bancroft, a Salem Factor in those Seas. He mentioned the wish of a Jew to write to me in that country from whom I may expect to hear by Capt. Elkins. The Town meeting yesterday upon the subject of the Town watch, & of the removal of houses over the pavements, could accomplish nothing.

4. Complaints of sickness in Beverly & Wenham, doubtless aggravated. In Salem, health remains in an uncommon degree. We have news that a Vessel belonging to Nichols & Hodges, taken for the attempt to enter the Isle of France, rose upon the British who took her & had charge of her & carried her into Bourbon. Capt. Bryant the Master.

5. Mr. Eliot furnished me with several specimens of the talents of a self taught young man in Northend, Boston, named [Samuel] Harris. He employs the Engraving tool with good success & was recommended to notice by Turell & Rich, when they paid me their late visit. They all form a little club and assist each other in their enquiries. They have all engaged the public notice by their efforts without a public education.

6. Sunday. Notes. Mary Browne & children, d. of her Husband N[athaniel] B[rowne], pr. for her brethren & friends at Sea. Nancy Browne & children, d. of her Son & p. for a son at Sea. John Dawson, d. of her Son S. Whitford. Either accustomed to the movements of the sects I am less observant of them, or they do not make such a dust in Salem as they have done in the last past months. In Salem, attached to their industry & interest, they find large payments require more deliberation than new opinions. The new societies have saddled themselves with heavy debts. And

Conversions are more easy in this busy town to any thing than to such heavy yokes.

8. Yesterday on the Common was reviewed the Salem Regiment. It consisted of a Company of Artillery, 2 companies of Light Infantry, & 6 of Infantry. The Regiment was large & the military accoutrements complete. The ranks were full & the subordination happy. The companies in uniform displayed the advantages in military parade & gave hopes of greater attention to a uniform appearance on such occasions. The concourse was unusually great & the day fine.

12. We learn from Newbury Port that they excelled us in the Uniform appearance of their Militia, having whole companies dressed alike in the Infantry.

13. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Rebecca Paterson, d. of her Son John, æt. 44, she sick, g. sons at sea. William Paterson, d. of his youngest child, pr. for Brethren at sea. Abigail Rogers, d. of her H's sister, wife of Dr. Joshua Fisher, Beverly, pr. for son at sea. The Anabaptists are organizing themselves in Cape Ann Town & speak of building a house. They make almost as great progress in the Northern States as the Methodists do in the Southern. Religious controversies assume a new form & antient superstitions are examined & forgotten. Something so well suits with my prejudices in favour of Infant Baptism & sprinkling that I feel no present inclination to renounce it.

15. Last Saturday was buried Sarah Daniels, the widow of Stephen Daniels lately deceased. Both had survived 90 years & lived in the High Street, south part of the town. 7 persons have been buried from that house within a few years which have in age exceeded 80 years each. S. Daniels was a Ship Carpenter, remarkable for his temperance, diligence & inflexible integrity.

16. A Heavy rain storm. Less on shore than at Sea. At Newbury Port their loss will be found to be less than expected. Capt. H. Brown in a Coasting Sloop, was conveying the fall goods from Boston to that place, struck on the bar & sunk. The property of very great amount & at least a loss of 1-4 part. The sloop lost. On Sunday last the wreck was weighed & the goods taken from it.

20. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Vincent & wife, d. of G. S. by Chisholm. John Stickney & wife, d. of their youngest child. Mary Bateman, delivery, pr. husband at sea.

23. A N. E. rain storm & the wind high, began to abate about 3 P. M. The tide high. Toad fish driven ashore. They commonly suffer most in a storm. The ninth of October, tho' not memorable in 1805 as in 1804 in the Eastern states, yet on 3 Oct. the severest Storm was felt in Buckstown, Maine, ever known. In the morning it began to rain at N.E., wind increasing till noon & then blew violently. Houses, Barns, trees & fences were in the devastation. It was felt at Blue Hill, Sedgwick, Castine, Penobscot, Orland, &c.

Much injury to the woods. All our accounts are from that vicinity. The Blue hill account says that the wind veered to the southward but its principal fury about noon. It is called a Tornado, Hurricane & Storm. It appears to have been a violent N.E. rain storm.

24. This day with me Col. [Benjamin] Holden who was conspicuous in the memorable Battle of Bunker Hill. He covered his men behind the mown hay supported by the rails of the fences & by reserving his fire & obliging his men never to fire without taking aim at some person, he fired with great effect. The enemy thrice retired before his little mound & brave soldiers. He now lives in Princeton & is at his ease as a farmer. Loquacious, generous, & pleased when he can tell the first events of our revolution. He was introduced by Mr. Richardson & visited me in the morning; in the afternoon I was with him at the Museum. The Town of Holden, in his neighbourhood, was named from one of the Hollis family. This day I received a letter from Major Caleb Stark, informing me that his father the General John, had received my letter inclosing one from the President of the United States & had provided for suitable acknowledgments.

26. Last night the greatest theft was committed in this town ever known in it. From Mr. [Jabez] Baldwin, Jeweller, were taken in watches & jewelry above 2 thousand dollars.* His shop was a temporary building in Essex street, north side above Market Street. The thieves entered by a back window & with an auger commanded the bolts & entered & at their pleasure took such things as they sought. A Capt. Verry heard their voices as he passed for a Physician, but took no other notice. A reward of 300 Dollars is offered & great enquiries made but no discoveries in the course of this day.

27. Sunday. Note. Peter Berry & wife, her delivery. In this town in the past week appeared two Sermons from the press. The Sermons were delivered in the Tabernacle Church by S. Worcester & are printed at the request of the Church. They are entitled, Two discourses on the perpetuity & provision of God's gracious covenant with Abraham & his seed, Salem, by Hiram Pool, 1805. The first is upon the Abrahamic Covenant, the second an application to the present controversy with the Baptists. His construction upon the Abrahamic Covenant is contrary to fact. Much is said of Circumcision but it was retained with Baptism. Much is said against its necessity but nothing of a substitute. Much of it as a political, nothing as a general rite. That Baptism was a Christian institute appears in the manner of it. That it was used by the Patri potestas is evident from the early introduction of

*A larger part of the plunder was discovered in the following February, in a garret of the hospital in the Great Pasture. A number of years afterwards another portion was found in a hollow tree.

Children to the Supper. And on that ground it can be vindicated. Mr. W[orcester] is very incorrect in his statement respecting the mode of baptism. Christians varied at first as the circumstances led them to apply the privileges till the general consent formed a complete authority. Not the least appearance of anything new is to be seen in the controversy.

28. Lately has been found under a small shop in North street, a bundle of keys, evidently for the purpose of picking locks. After many attempts no discoveries have been made. The Silver Smith whose Shop was violated last week has offered a reward of 300 dollars.

29. The military exercise of a Company of Sergeants belonging to the Boston Legion promises to assist the discipline of the Troops of our Capital which are not able to boast any extraordinary attainments. Our Seaports do not give the best soldiers. Our infantry are in the interior Counties, especially Middlesex.

30. Buildings in brick abound. When I first came to Salem only one Brick yard, in Danvers, was worked in this neighbourhood. Now there are two in south, & two in Northfields & one on the neck. Several in Danvers & Lynn. It is said that the Danvers upper Meeting House is to be rebuilt in Brick with a Cupola for 10,000 Dollars by contract.

November 1 [1805]. Grand Master [John] Cutler, who died last week in Boston, was not distinguished by those powers which make men great, but by those firm habits which give a high reputation for the civil virtues. He was much respected in the Chairs which he resigned from the infirmities of old age. He is among the Masons who never left the order through a long life & who never disgraced it. The late Bishop Parker married a daughter of this venerable man.

3. Sunday. The contemptibility of the Invectives which the Baptists employ, discovers that they have no men of information as yet among them. Worcester's book has more damns than answers. On Wednesday last, Worcester's pupil, David Jewett, was ordained at Sandy Bay, the fifth Church in Gloucester. When the new meeting was built it was to be in the service of the Universalists half the time. It is now said they have acquiesced in the settlement of a rigid Hopkinsian. As the Universalists are building a new house in the harbour, I do not know whether this be an act of cunning or stupidity. Of cunning to assist the contrast, or from the general resemblance of Rely's doctrines to the peculiar tenets of the Hopkinsians. A most singular event has happened at Ipswich. Dr. [Joseph] Dana, whose piety is generally believed, married the widow of the late Revd. [Ebenezer] Bradford of Rowley. It seems she has some unruly children. Disputes have gone so far that a separation has ensued. The people from Rowley demanded the effects of their minister's widow & all Ipswich is in astonishment at

the event. I am inclined to think kindly of the Doctor, tho' I think there may be a little too much art in his character. For the first day after the event, a principal man of Ipswich told us that all business ceased. The ferment is not yet over & this event has happened at a time when the Baptists were making dreadful inroads & when Mr. Frisbee of the first church had actually retired from the derangement under which he laboured from the anxiety which the state of the town had occasioned. The town will probably undergo an entire revolution.

In the attempt to install Mr. Chadwick at Hanover, a most powerful opposition appeared. 50 against 60 & the greater part of the property of the Town. So that the Hopkinsians have not the sole sway. Mr. Mellen is still living beyond his labours. The event of the delay of the ordination will have a good effect. At Fitchburg, from which Mr. Worcester removed to this town, was ordained William Bascom. Dr. Holmes of Cambridge preached. Mr. Gardner of Leominster made the ordinary prayers, Mr. Cushing of Ashburnham the Charge, & Mr. Thayer of Lancaster gave the right hand of fellowship. This town enjoyed peace till Mr. Worcester disturbed it. Mr. Barton is with the dissentients. Dr. Lathrop of Springfield, preached at the passing of the Bridge in that place over the Connecticut after it was finished in the past month. The malignity of newspaper invectives I am obliged to feel more because I know the disposition of the order to which I belong. As nothing has been added to the literary character of the Clergy, but as others have risen, they have sunk, their ignorance & prejudices have a deeper colouring of malignity. The ignorant monks did the persecution.

5. The day for the opening of Supreme Judicial Court in this Town, but as the Judges had not arrived the Court did not open. Some reports of an attempt to set fire to Marblehead, but the fact has not been clearly ascertained. Many such false alarms.

6. The Judges have decided against the Selectmen in the case of Gardiner. Tho' absent at the time pointed out by the Law, yet returning before the war was ended & not being refused & having engaged in privateering, he is to be considered entitled to vote. So the letter of the Law will not do in this case, tho' it is absolutely insisted upon in other cases.

7. Died, in this town, Elizabeth Matoon, Widow of Hubartus Matoon, an Elder of the Tabernacle Church under Dr. Whitaker. She was aged 83, & came from New Market, N. H. She was an English & married a Maservey, then Matoon. Tho' born in Salem, she lived with Elder Matoon at New Market & returned to Salem from religious zeal. She had been a Woman taylor. Had a strong mind, with violent religious prejudices which no circumstances could weaken. She scrupled not to say that her husband & son were in perdition & she could hardly treat her benefactors with civility because they were not reconciled to God. She was the most

rigid in her religious damnatory opinions of any person who has ever fallen under my observation. She had the unhappiness to die far away from her full assurance.*

9. Ended the pleadings for the third time upon the case of Ward versus Crowninshield & an indictment for a riot in cutting down a fence in Derby opposite to Herbert street. For the third time the Jury could not agree. They came in at 10 o'clock & at 12 at night & the court finally dismissed them till Monday next. The Judges all said it was a riot & used very free language in telling the Jurors to agree.

10. Sunday. Notes. Thomas Rhue & children, d. of his wife, pr. for 2 sons at sea. Wid. Susanna Becket, d. of her daughter Rhue, pr. for friends at sea. Mehitable Rhue, d. of her Mother in law, delivery, Husband & Brothers at sea. Wid. Mary Becket, d. of her Sister in law Rhue, pr. for her son at sea. The subject of reading printed sermons has been noticed in the Anthology of Boston & animadverted upon in Boston. Bp. Sprat has said all that has yet been said. If we could be assured that as much labour would be obtained & better sermons produced, the apology would have rational assent. But when we know how much depends upon direct obligation, we shall find whether in most cases the public will not loose Clerical labour. Deacon [Robert] Roundy assures me that in the seperation of their Church they made an estimate of the proportion belonging to the seceding members & paid the estimate of 80 dollars to the satisfaction of the party & then offered them the Communion service of plate till they could supply themselves. This conduct of the Church in Beverly is honourable. The first Church has since given leave to go off to several persons applying tho' the time fixed by Law has expired. Exchanges of pulpit services have taken place. But the concessions are much from the Old Church & perhaps less from the seceders. In Hanover, the Aggrieved offered to accept any minister the Association would consent to ordain. The Council was not of the association of that Neighbourhood. Mr. Chadwick gave up all pretensions after the Council. The Aggrieved had procured certificates from Mr. Wheeler of the Episcopal Church in Scituate, on the borders of Hanover. This Chadwick had been at Rochester.

12. A young woman lately married, a Dodge of Wenham & by marriage a Whitteridge of Beverly, cut her throat with a razor. The example is rare among us of Self violence. She is still alive. I have not the exact history. The weather lowry, chilly, & what we call hanging weather.

13. The Selectmen in the case of Gardiner lost it because he returned & was admitted to the duties of a Citizen. In the Court, the insane man who put fire to the Upper Danvers Meeting House, acquitted, but left under confinement as insane. The person who en-

*See Bentley's Diary, Vol. II, p. 358, for a caustic characterization of her husband.

tered forcibly into Salem Bank found guilty. Deputy Sheriff Turrell fined, for neglect of returning an execution, one Cent. This indulgence to his poverty in behalf of the High Sheriff.

16. Supreme Judicial Court still in town. Letters from P[rofr.] Ebeling by Capt. Gam[aliel] Ward of Salem, with notices of Boxes, &c. Some reports of a Council at Ipswich, in the case of the separation of Dr. Dana from his wife, but no particular account. This society first settled Mr. [John] Walley & separated from him. Then Walley settled at Bolton & was again dismissed. Ipswich has been long quiet, 30 years, but trouble is come.

17. Sunday. News that yesterday Revd. Jonas Clarke of Lexington died, æt. 76. He had been 50 years in the ministry in that place. His predecessor, commonly known by the name of Bishop Hancock, was in the ministry 54 years, so that above a Century these two primitive men had supplied that pulpit. Mr. Clarke was a man of good person, of a firm but not much cultivated mind, but possessed of that integrity which gave him respect from his brethren & an unburdened influence in his parish. His daughters have been married to Ministers, his sons have not been uncommonly successful. At his house were the patriots Adams & Hancock on the morning of Lexington battle, & some kindred existed between him & Hancock. He persevered till the close of life in his attachment to the Free Constitution of his Country & to the present administration. For several years he had desisted from any preparations for the pulpit in his studies. He was very lengthy but very animated. He was indeed a truly primitive Preacher.

Superstition threatens to overwhelm us. The Newbury Port Paper tells us that last Sunday a prophecy was uttered in a neighbouring town of an Earthquake. That the belief with many was sincere. That many forsook the threatened place & many were in great agitation. Nothing happened but the misery of credulity & that was awful enough. So much for the progress of the New Light around us.

19. Spent last evening with Mr. Crowninshield preparing to go to Congress. Solicited such communications as might be useful to me. He left this day Salem on his way to Washington to the meeting of Congress. I delivered to him Major Stark's letters respecting the Communication of the President to his Father. This day was buried Sarah Fowle, æt. 91. She was received into the East Church in 1737 in the first year of Mr. Diman's ministry. For many years was a house keeper to George Peele, a Batchelor, & was herself unmarried. By the zealots of the Tabernacle she was drawn to their congregation but still professed regard to her old friends. In the close of life she was poor but maintained, for several years after she was bedridden, with great kindness by her friends, by kindred & acquaintance. Yet her insufferable impatience, complaints, & ungrateful insinuations became, a few months before her death, the



THE HOUSE IN SALEM IN WHICH LIVED EMANUEL DOWNING,
CAPT. JOSEPH GARDNER, GOV. SIMON BRADSTREET
AND CAPT. WILLIAM BOWDITCH.

Printed from the wood block engraved about 1844 for Felt's Annals of Salem.



WESTERN VIEW OF WASHINGTON SQUARE (THE COMMON), SALEM.

Printed from the wood block engraved about 1838 for Barber's Historical Collections,
showing the McIntire gate erected in 1805 and removed in 1850.

occasion of her being committed to the public charity house. Another proof that strong passions in religion never subdue strong passions in the world.

20. Supreme Court in Town. Judge Thacher called upon me & the High Sheriff Bartlet. Judge Thacher disowns positively among his friends having any concern in the prosecution I suffered. This term Judge Sedgwick presided alone. The Judicial department will persevere till they have great Courts in Boston & little ones every where else.

22. The Offender who broke into our bank room has been sentenced to sit on the Gallows one hour with a rope around his neck, to be whipped 10 stripes, & to be confined at hard labour for seven years. This is the only criminal sentence in our Court at the present sitting.

23. The Court rose this day. Much business still to be done. The Republicans after being refused a place in the Assembly for dancing which has been usually held in the winter, this year have succeeded & opened an Assembly for their own friends who appear numerous & respectable. The illiberality which occasioned this separation arose from the irreconcilable enmity of the Derby & Crowninshield families. We have as yet seen no attempt to ridicule this Assembly.

24. Sunday. Snow for the first time this year after two in the afternoon. Notes. Elizabeth Brooks & children, D. of her Husband Samuel B. Priscilla Gill, d. of her Son in law Samuel Brooks. Luke Brooks & wife, d. of his Brother Samuel Brooks. Mr. S. Brooks was a very exemplary & valuable man. For the past week the Universalists have been preaching in the evening in this town with a view to establish themselves in Salem. Persons favouring them confess political purposes to weaken the combinations of the Clergy. Mr. Murray & Jones have been the two preachers of the past week, more are expected. The Affair of Dr. [Joseph] Dana at Ipswich, has been before an Ecclesiastical Council & the result is before the public. The Council met on the 13 instant. They discover that the Dr. has behaved with imprudence & they recommend him to mercy & as the blame is upon both they recommend reconciliation. In the next Register the result of Council will appear. I am sorry always to have feared the Dr's sincerity. The assumed solemnity & yet angry passions he possessed discovered more hypocrisy than Christian Simplicity. Mr. [Levi] Frisby of the first Church in Ipswich, is not yet calm enough for pulpit services. The Baptists find a full harvest in these times in Ipswich. No answer is yet talked of to Worcester's Circumcision ag. Baptism, or rather a man's seed, only his children at their birth. Probably the Baptists think it a quiet child & that it will fall asleep of itself. We are told in a late New York State paper that the Methodists having been frequently disturbed in their extraordinary meetings, were so enraged

that they appeared with their firearms & determined to resent every insult at the risk of their lives. Such the event. Religion profits little by these insults & less by the causes of them.

26. Continued accounts of adjudications from the letters of our friends detained in England. This is a serious subject to our Merchants. My worthy friend Capt. [Benjamin] Hodges, whose Consumptive habit seems to threaten speedy dissolution, this day sold a valuable ship which he has employed in the India trade.

27. We are now attentive to the Market which is plentiful. Turkeys at 10 cents, Fowls at 12 pr. lb., Ducks pr. pair, 80 cents. The Salem Thanksgiving Market creates a great demand for poultry. Few other articles feel the benefit of this market. Every person of every condition reckons upon fowls, geese, ducks or Turkeys.

28. Thanksgiving Day. A pleasant day & the Assembly more full than usual. The Music consisted of some more sprightly tunes sung at the discretion of the Choirister, with Addison's Hymn of Gratitude before sermon. The Collection for the poor was better than usual exceeding 155 Dollars.

29. The news of the death of Capt. David Patten is confirmed.* He was taken from the Charity house & brought up in S. Silsbee's family & after a long courtship married his youngest daughter. I had a little acquaintance with him but no intimacy.

30. Went with the selectmen to put the boundary stone at Norden's pasture wall near forest river, & to determine whether the Stone in Lynn cross road upon Salem Cove, was upon the Northern line. The objections arose from the curve in the fence, as no survey had been taken & the deeds bound upon Salem line. We saw no cause for any change whatever & the proper papers were interchanged on the occasion. Yesterday I attended the funeral of Mary Silver from the Charity House. She had been in charge since the first establishment of the House in Salem.

December 1 [1805]. Sunday. Notes. Sarah Patten, d. of her Husband. Martha Silsbee & children, d. of her Son in law Patten, & Relatives at sea. Daniel Kenney & wife, d. of youngest child. Mr. Willard who was lately with me from Cambridge, assures me that the choice of a President for the University had not been made but from the delay it was expected that Professor Pearson would succeed. The opposition to him is violent but as the public mind grows quiet he will probably go down. The Enlightened Clergy of Boston have no friendship for the measure. At our Communion this day both the Officers were indisposed & we had only two male members present on the occasion. Our church has always had few men in it & it has been attributed to the employment of the members of the Society at Sea.

3. In the Lynn Academy, Mr. Hosea Hildryth, Preceptor for 3 years. An attempt to lessen the charges against Dr. Dana in the

*Drowned at sea while on a passage from Trinidad to Baltimore.

late result of Council. Various reports of incendiaries & their attempts, but much of this work is from men who wish to increase the public vexations. The man confined for breaking into the Bank & under sentence of confinement for hard labour, has attempted to put an end to his existence.

4. This morning a labouring man was found drowned at Peabody's wharf. His name was John Welsh. No account can be given of the man. Young Dearborn & young Knap had a smart encounter. D's Lawyer demanded satisfaction of the schoolmaster K. for abuse upon political prejudices, but not receiving it he took it with his fist & feet to his entire satisfaction. So thoroughly has the political quarrel entered into private life. The shameful exclusion if not expulsion of the Republicans from the Assemblies for Dancing has kindled a just resentment & the excluded party have now made an assembly at which they command respect & in which they unite the most accomplished dancers & employ the best music. The other part do not feel disposed for the comparison.

6. Congress in session all waiting to receive the President's address. Never greater expectation & never more depending upon public measures. Everywhere complaints are made of the oppressions which commerce suffers from the English. This day I received a letter from Mocha with the respective signatures of Abdel Thaumurn & his Brother Hamet as he is called by Europeans. They acknowledge the receipt of the Telescope sent by Capt. Henry Elkins.

7. Sunday. Dr. Dana's affair has not ended in the publication of the result of Council. It has been followed with a letter to the President or Moderator, Mr. Spring of Newburyport, & in this letter the Dr. says he was never in fault in the first instance & requires that no part of the result touch his domestic character. In the supplement to the Salem Gazette, a writer, with remarks which accompany this letter, endeavours to make the whole affair depend on the woman's jealousy, & asserts that the Moderator visited the woman & heard & reported her story. He has replied to this assertion & denies that he ever heard such stories from the parties. The Register has refused to publish any thing unless signed by the writer & paid for as an advertisement. So that a public discussion will probably be avoided in future. In regard to Church Music many complaints have been made against the many compilations all of which pretend to have some new compositions. To prevent this error we are informed the First Church in this town applied to some gentlemen of musical taste to select some approved tunes in counter point for their Organ. The work was hardly done before it was suggested that by so adding a few more tunes, a work from the press might be issued & forsooth out comes a new book to give a little help to the Printers. The Subscription embraces other than views of religion & taste, & this new book is to be a standard probably as long as many others have been.

10. This day the President's Message reached us from Washington. It is spirited & agreeable to the feelings of the Commercial part of the Nation. The building of a Navy, of Gunboats, the discipline of the Militia, & such topics were never more welcome to the injured feelings of the Citizens. Upon no political subject has general consent been more manifest.

11. By news from the interior of New England we find that we enjoy universally a moderate season. The ground is free from snow & the roads remain in good order & health is general.

12. Our Fire Club dinner. Great consent of parties. The measure most urged was to unite our efforts with other clubs to prevent the smoking segars along the streets & in shops & outhouses. Many distressing fires are imputed to this careless practice.

13. We have information by letter that Mitchel of N. Y. State, who had been applied to to become editor of the Register has declined. His plea is, his present inability to purchase. But some hints had been given that unless he could free himself from some imputations against his moral as well as political character he had better not come.

14. In my answer to J[acob] C[rowninshield], Wash[ington], I speak of President's Message, the effect. Mitchel. Our friends at home & some domestic anecdotes, & beg for papers. I was much dependant upon him last session. I hope to be more dependant in this & to be more rich from his kind attentions.

15. Sunday. Dr. Dana's affair has not ended in a reply to the Moderator of the Council. The indignant spirit of Mr. Spring will not support in silence the charge of partiality. He has replied & declared his innocence & honour & the council is again to be assembled to declare whether they have expressed themselves truly, heard impartially, & convict Dr. Dana absolutely. It appears to me that the woman who could live honourably with Mr. Bradford, need not fear to live with any honourable man under heaven. Dr. Dana reminds of Gen. III: 12, She gave me &c., a cowardly excuse. An installation was at Haverhill, this month, in the oldest Baptist Church in the country. Father Smith died last year. Divisions have been made. On 4 Dec. Rev. W. Batchelder was installed & Dr. Baldwin of Boston preached. We hope this sect will learn good manners as they grow older. From Cambridge, we have the interesting news that Fisher Ames, who graduated in 1774, is doctor of law from N. J., has been in Congress & in the Council of the State, is elected President by a unanimous vote of the Corporation of the University. The expectations of the public have been raised by the many candidates mentioned & by the long delay of a choice. One of the Electors said in my presence, when asked who was proposed, Every minister & every man's friend in the Commonwealth. The G. Son of Gov Leveret* was a Civilian & President 16 years

*President John Leveret (1662-1724).

with great reputation, & member of the Royal Society. We hope Mr. Ames will preserve the reputation of the College & be as illustrious as the old Judge Leveret. Mr. Alden* sent me his farewell address & the Sermon of Mr. French on the occasion with the result of Council. Mr. Alden has been with them 5 years. Salary is the only pretence. He has employed himself in a private School, in Salt works, & other inventions. But no charge is brought against him. The venerable Dr. Haven is still an incumbent in the second Church in Portsmouth, & they declare that they cannot maintain both.

18. A curious example of the unprincipled conduct of Magistrates. John Fletcher called on me for christening and at the christening he shewed me a certificate of his marriage which the seaman produced of his own accord as valid, & which he received of Esq. Batchelor of Beverly, & for which he said he gave 15 Dollars. It is an acknowledgement that John & his wife appeared before him & declared their will to observe towards each other whatever any marriage Covenant could require. The object of John was to secure his wife & children in the possession of his interest. He knew no other end in the agreement, & for one dollar rightly informed he might have been secure & now he was not.

19. Was with me, Mr. Stickney of Pembroke, N. H., Son in Law of Gen. Stark, & brought me several manuscripts from the family of Somersby & a work in small folio written by Robert Rogers in the seventeenth century, & belonging to said Somersby, one of the first settlers in Newbury, Mass., & mentioned in the Will.† Among other things he gave me some information respecting General John Stark. About 1754 he was with his Brother & two men with each of them, in canoes after Beaver, in Baker's River, now New Romney. They espied 12 Indians & after signs ventured among them. As soon as they were in the power of the Indians, the Indians seized John, afterwards the Gen[eral] & his two men. When his Brother came in sight with his two men in the Canoe, he gave signs for him to go back, & then five of the Indians prepared to fire. Upon this, John with a stick struck three of the guns as the Indians were about to fire & only two fired & killed one of the men with his Brother. For daring to prevent the firing, John was most cruelly beaten, but as he could be made to discover no signs of fear, or of pain, they at length desisted & received him into favour. After trial of the courage of his two men, one of them failed & was killed. Then John was caressed, invited to take the Squaw of a deceased

*Rev. Timothy Alden of Portsmouth, afterwards founder of Alleghany College.

†Will of Anthony Somersby of Newbury probated Oct. 20, 1686.—"I give him [his grandson Anthony Somersby] my bible & Mr. Rogers seven treatises." This was Richard Rogers's Seven Treatises, Containing Directions out of the Scriptures, leading to true Happiness, folio, London, 1610. The volume is now contained in the Bentley library in the possession of the American Antiquarian Society.

chief, & was carried a prisoner to St. Francois. To introduce himself, his Squaw taught him an Indian love song which he had to sing upon meeting the tribe, & in this situation he remained some time. This is named as the first act of Indian hostility in that quarter in that war. It was after his return that the Gen[eral] was among Rogers' rangers.

22. Sunday. Notes. Hannah Cloutman, d. of her Son, perhaps foundered at Sea. A Mr. [Nathaniel] Stone, son of the Revd. Stone lately deceased at Dennis, who left the ministry, Windham, near Portland, Maine, has opened a private school in this town Herbert street. Mr. Spring has not printed his charge at Gloucester. Perhaps he is too busy with Dr. Dana of Ipswich to attempt anything else. Very little is said from the press upon the elected president at Cambridge.

24. This morning we were alarmed by a strong light in the North which proved to arise from the destruction of the Nail Factory at Amesbury. The loss it is said will fall chiefly upon Salem, & the N[ewbury] P[ort] Herald names 80,000 dollars. It caught by accident in the nail room says the first account. This day we saw the first snow which lay on the ground but it was soon followed by rain & hail so that it had chiefly disappeared before night.

25. This day being Christmas, I was invited to spend the day with Capt. J. Prince of Marblehead, but having given previous notice to my Father, I went for Boston. I intended to hear Mr. Freeman at the Chapel, but by his indisposition I was prevented & heard Dr. Kirkland. The church was well ornamented & the Music prepared for the occasion. The Dr. left the observance of the day to their discretion & went on to notice the advantages of Christianity. In the course of the day I had opportunity to examine the Improvements which were daily observable in the town, particularly in the Western Buildings. I dined with my Father & spent the evening with Dr. Eliot at my Brother Fowle's. In the evening my Brother & his party of friends amused themselves at cards & it was the first time I was seated in such company for 22 years.

26. I was at the Thursday Lecture & observed the special attention paid to Mr. Buckminster. He was upon a wider range than before, rather on the sources of prevalent errors. I could see as before, a great preference of his morality & Philosophy to his Theology, in regard to the clearness, precision, & consistency of it. This day I returned to Salem & found B. B. M.* in embarrassments I expected.

27. This day I had letters from Washington, respecting the choice which the Trustees had made of me as one of the Instructors in the new Literary Institution in that City. Honour is never to be despised by virtue. This is but an invitation to the race, it is not the Crown. Mr. C[rowninshield] assures me that he promised

*Barnard B. Macanulty, the Salem bookseller.

to say nothing, only to give me the notice. Mr. S. H. S[mith] promises me much labour & a very uncertain reward. How rich would a well informed friend be in the struggle which Ambition & prudence will sometimes create. In the situation every thing remains to be done, & a Change of Administration is a change of hopes. A consultation among friends who can only tell their wishes, may create confidence, & sometimes relieve the thoughts of abject dependance. If we relinquish on their account, we increase their obligations.

28. An invitation to dine on New Year's Day with Baptists at Dedication, Salem.

29. Sunday. James Brown & wife, her delivery. Rain in the morning but the weather of May as to heat and showers. The glass remained above fifty at ten at night & not one sign of winter to be seen. The whole Month will be memorable for its mild & pleasant weather. At Boston, I had an opportunity to observe the moderation which prevails in the first congregations. While Philadelphia & New York stop where Luther & Calvin were, in Boston we find the best preachers upon the best models, which the best style, the purest morals, & the most simple theology can form. Dr. Kirkland had not the studied style of Young Buckminster, but he had much more extensive theology. I was invited to hear Murray, the Universalist, but I am tired of Antinomianism, tho' its foolish preacher says it is in the way to a heaven without gates or walls. Of young Lowell,* to be ordained at Howard's, in West Boston, I am told he has Scotch Eloquence, & is more to be admired for his manner than matter. That the systems of Mayhew & Howard are to be sacrificed to his popularity. If this vanity does not deceive him, he may be content with less fame & more merit. His ordination is to be on next New Year's day & a new House is to be erected. Sects are in all their glory in New England & through the United States. They are as thick as the gulls upon our sandbar, as hungry & as useless. I have lately seen a work of Elias Smith, the Itinerant Free willer, as he is called, but he prefers the bare name of Christian. This man has a kind of head quarters at Portsmouth, but he is too & fro in the Earth. In his Chiaroscuro, Light not clear nor dark, he has given some account of his sect. These called in England, Armenian Baptists, first appeared in New Hampshire about 20 years ago under Benjamin Randel, who left the Calvinistic Baptists. Beside him, now upwards of forty preachers called ordained ministers & besides these several not ordained. They have no creeds, no platforms. They commune with unbaptised persons. Three Churches have laid aside the party name & are called Christians. One in Portsmouth has 175 members. One in Boston has above 50 members. One in Nantasket about 15 members. Of the Calvinistic Baptists, Smith says, they have gone back

*Rev. Charles Lowell, father of James Russell Lowell.

as many degrees as the sun went back on the dial of Ahaz. The political conduct of the Clergy is no where so insolent as in Connecticut. In that [state] a Southington pastor at Branford, scrupled not to call the President, a debauchee, an infidel, & a Liar. But these excesses are less worthy of notice when the reputation of the inferior Clergy is known. But [to] aid votes, Bp. Jarvis, in advanced age, & a quiet man, was induced to come forward, & shew his qualifications as a voter at the late election of Governour, to take the oath and vote against the political Candidate. The honorable Legislature adjourned to see the installation of this Bishop as a recompense for the open part he had taken upon political occasions.

31. The Town busy upon by laws particularly respecting the smoaking of segars. I have not known one well attested fact of any injury to any man* but when the fears are alarmed a fury is given to the Byelaws which no man of a calm mind can employ & so the Laws are not executed & a contempt of them soon follows. The whole month of December has been uncommonly pleasant. It is frequently compared to the same month in 1794 which was mild. It is from a comparison of the Thermometer we can ascertain the same in December of 1805. I then remarked 26 fair days & the general mildness of the weather.

January 1, 1806. This day was appointed to dedicate the New Baptist Brick Meeting House in Salem & to ordain Charles Lowell in the West Church in Boston. I preferred to employ the fine weather in a visit to Boston. The Council obtained the ordination without a Confession of faith, but the apology with some was that they had been previously satisfied. In this case popularity triumphs over opinion & the successor of Mayhew & Howard is a Calvinist. In Salem, Mr. Bolles preached at the dedication & as usual in such occasions gave the concourse some history of his newly gathered Church. Its rapid progress in fifteen months since his first mission to Salem, is an honour to his perseverance & an example to his Superiours.

4. The subject of an Incorporation has been seriously contemplated for Salem.† The lawyers of one party have concurred with the lawyers of another party. Whatever may be the necessity of the present time it should be fully known.

5. Mr. Spring has given us a pamphlet containing the result of Council upon Dr. Dana, the remarks of Marcus, who is Daniel Dana of Newburyport, with the vindication of the Council in which they declare their moderation, & this result is signed by the names of all the members. It is said the matter is not of much influence at Ipswich apparently at present. The account of the

*See Diary, Sept. 11, 1805.

†Boston was incorporated as a city, February 23, 1822, the first in the state.

West Boston Ordination is given with those encomiums upon the Performers which might be expected. The sermon was from Mr. Porter of Roxbury, the Charge from Professor Weare, & the Fellowship from Mr. Buckminster of Boston. An account of the Baptist Dedication at Salem, was given by the friends of the Sect in the Register. In the evening Dr. Baldwin preached & Mr. Jones, the Universalist, collected a little flock in the neighbourhood at the same time. So we go. A New Singing Book of select Tunes has been published in Salem & the preface reprinted in the Repertory of Boston. Seventy tunes were selected for the Organ of the first Church in Salem. The rest have been added. Mr. Holyoke has engaged to take ten Scholars from our Society. I have recommended a Collection of Tunes for the Psalm Book in the Old fashion, to be bound in the Psalm Book.

6. Baptists selling pews. The Widow Sarah Cutting of Acton, who died last week, æt. 97, was the woman at whose house my mother was received at Acton, & at whose house I officiated for the first time when Sophomore at College. The minister, Mr. Swift, being sick, I travelled from Concord & officiated in the house of Mr. W. Cutting. I had just reproof from my tutor, but good success.

7. News from New Hampshire of a mild December. But the last days of it proved very tempestuous on our Coasts as the accounts from New Haven, New London, New York, Philadelphia & Baltimore assert. In all their harbours damage was done by the storm of Dec. 27, &c. At Amoskeag falls, N. H., 29 Dec. Therm. at Sunrise at 59° & at noon at 64°.

8. The Merchants of our Great Towns have opened a Correspondence upon the subject of the spoliations on our commerce by the British. Memorials are expected by Congress & some public measures will be adopted. The British dread the enterprising spirit of the Americans. In Salem, the Opposition, disappointed in every project, are now busy to obstruct the energetic measures which they have pretended to claim.

10. Attention is now drawn to our Navy. A 74 is reckoned at 300,000 D. & we have materials amounting to 500,000 in our navy yard. A 74 will build 74 gun boats. The Annual expence of a 74 is two thirds of her cost, & of a Gun Boat nearly double her cost.

12. Sunday. I received a letter from Washington, signed by S. H. Smith in behalf of the Trustees of the intended College to accept a charge in the Institution. The invitation promised every concurrence but plainly discovered more of a good design than a good plan. Mr. C[rowninshield]'s letter which accompanied it promised unrivalled honours. I confess some temptation must arise to forsake a situation which has no profit & little success from the great progress of the fanaticism. At length,

however, after consulting a few friends & getting no serious advice, I concluded to listen to my habits & to send the following Letter.

To S. H. Smith, Salem, 14 Jan. 1806. I received yours of the 14 Dec. with the full conviction that it conferred the best favour that could be offered to generous ambition & from men whose esteem I should prefer to any honour I could accept. But when I consulted my kindred & an aged parent, the thoughts of a separation from home against their wishes, & the public opinion of my profession was not without power over me, & not a friend who knew me could recommend the change of condition. When I consulted myself & considered my obligations, habits, & associations, I found that without flattering any ambition, my friends had consulted for that contentment of life which is better secured in our customary duties, than in new situations among strangers & with such prospects only as could arise from great personal services & in very favourable situations & were thus assisted by public gratitude. I have not delayed an answer free from the struggles of ambition, & I renounce with strong emotions the honours which in a former period of my life would have had all the wishes of my heart. But let me also remember that above 22 years I have experienced the constant affections of a little society who have discharged all their obligations to me, & amidst persecutions in Church & State, have forgotten all party animosities to render me happy. When I renounce the honours to which I have been invited I must still believe that I perform a proper share of duty to my friends & my country. The Unrivalled esteem I have of President Jefferson & the admiration I hold of his wise administration, will influence me to concur in every thing suited to my knowledge & arising out of my humble station. It would add much to my pleasure to rank Mr. S. H. Smith among my friends & to receive from him such communications as might assist me in judging rightly of our public affairs & as the personal testimonies of his esteem & confidence. From your devoted St. To be communicated at discretion.

In my letter to Mr. J[acob] C[rowninshield] I left no doubt of my determination not to leave N. E. The dedication of Meeting Houses is not an article of Common Intelligence in the Gazettes. We barely hear of building them formerly. One at Westfield has been mentioned lately. The affair of Dr. [Joseph] Dana is not yet in Silence. Marcus, the Son of the Doctor, Daniel Dana at Newburyport, has appeared in reply to the defence of the Council. It has become a matter in which personalities are much concerned. What Spring's next attack will be is not to be imagined. He has in his constitution as much prejudice, passion, & perseverance as commonly fall to the lot of any created being, wherever he may reside.

13. I spent this day at Marblehead with Capt. John Prince. Our old friend Ashlev Bowen was with us & gave us some of his long but not cold stories. The old man can put fire enough into them. His tale of Haddock in 1741 will be in our next Register on Thursday. The singular freedom of speaking & acting which characterises Marblehead, proves their sincerity but makes a mixed impression on a stranger who does not know the cause of it. Elizabeth, d. of M. J. Watson, went with me to her Cousin, N. Andrew.

14. Yesterday the Town had a Meeting on the subject of a Memorial to Congress. The principal Merchants, borrowing the policy of Boston, observe a sullen silence on the subject in hopes to involve the Government in some perplexity. Our member is not a stranger to this measure. The report is to be made on Monday next by a Committee.

15. We now feel the Cold Weather. It was rainy on Monday, a Snow storm on Tuesday, & Winter's Cold this day.

16. This evening after six was the Cry of fire. It was found to be in a New House in Carpenter Street on the bank of the North River. It was kindled in an unfinished room among Shavings by children who were feeding a fire on a cold evening while their parents were at a Lecture. It so happened that all the men of the neighbourhood were at the Branch Lecture. It spread & consumed two other new buildings,* & several other buildings very narrowly escaped. Had this happened to Heretics it would have been denounced a Judgment. For it was evidently the consequence of the unguarded manner in which fanatics leave their families, to attend upon unseasonable devotion abroad. It is to be hoped that it will be a reasonable check to the prevalent excess of religious associations for private conferences as well as public devotion. The sufferers were officers of the Branch Church. The neighbouring Towns gave generous & immediate assistance, for which they merit the public gratitude. They brought their engines with them.

17. A generous subscription begun. It is proposed to make it an obligation to rebuild in brick. We see the great danger to which we are exposed from the very great number of Wooden buildings. Of the three houses two might easily have been saved by brick walls. The advantages at the first kindling of the fire found to be very great.

18. Severe & steady Cold. The th[ermometer] within doors has been 15° plus. The whole harbour as far as the fort to Nauvus covered with Ice & to be passed. All closed in ice.

19. Sunday. Mr. W. Jenks who has long officiated at Christ

*The fire began in the house of Joseph Edwards and also destroyed the houses of Solomon Chaplin and Deacon Lamson. All were carpenters by trade.

Church in Cambridge, has accepted a call at Bath in a Congregational Church. It is a rich acquisition. The Controversy begun at Ipswich is not yet finished. Marcus, Daniel, the Son of Dr. Dana of Ipswich, & settled at Newbury Port, has again appeared in a reply to the vindication of the result of the late Council. It is in 52 pages. The controversy is rather about the management than the merits of the Cause. Spring, the Moderator, is charged with an obstinate prepossessing ag[ainst] Dr. Dana. It is unhappy that this Controversy has ever been publicly discussed. Dr. Dana has obtained from his Church, with only one dissenting voice, an acknowledged satisfaction after the concessions he has made. The Parish have concurred in similar measures. Mr. [Hezekiah] May of Marblehead, has assisted at the Conferences which have been held in that town & it is to be feared that the same fate awaits him that attended Brother [Levi] Frisby of Ipswich, who experienced every evil from the artifices of the seceders & is now left in a state of derangement of mind.

21. We have news of a House burnt in Bradford & a Barn in Haverhill. As is usual, blame is not fixed upon neglect but incendiary purposes. These fires are kindled by great carelessness. To complete the scene of winter we have a powerful contrast to the mildness of December. Since the ninth, the cold has been severe & is not relaxed to admit the Snow storms which continue to succeed each other. In this town the memorial on our Commerce was read yesterday. Two young lawyers were the agents to oppose, but without any success. It was to [be] wished that the concern had been left to the Merchants, but as the merchants of Boston were determined to affront the administration it was thought best to leave them evidently to themselves & their obstinate folly.

22. I went to Marblehead to dine with the Collector of the Port, Capt. [Joseph] Wilson. The invitation was through Rev. Mr. Bowers. What was the design of this invitation I cannot at present explain nor can its political use be great from the caution employed on the occasion. The Snow Storm was so great towards night as to make a return adventurous. But the succeeding night was stormy indeed. Incessant snows & high easterly winds were unusually severe.

25. We continue to hear of fires. One at Bradford is explained so as evidently to have arisen from the carelessness of the Master of the House. The Barn at Haverhill is not so well explained but probably burnt by carelessness, tho' much said of an Incendiary. The violent wind has cleared our harbour of its ice so that our Navigation is free.

26. Sunday. Mr. Bowers favoured me with several copies of his Three discourses against religious Deception. The swarms of itinerants are such as were never before seen in our country &

they are very troublesome from their ignorance & intolerance. We have no cure for them but the pen, which ought freely to lash such unprincipled fellows. It is not against their opinions we act but their licentious invectives. We cannot let the insects bite & be still, we must strike them, at least brush them off.

28. This morning, after 2 o'clock, we were awakened by the cry of fire. It proved to be a Building used for printing & binding books by Cushing & Co. Favourably for the Town the air was calm, as the building was near to some of the largest houses of the Town & nearly central to the Square formed by Essex & Church streets & Court & St. Peters Streets. The entire destruction of the building & all its contents was the consequence & the loss is represented as great in that way, generally allowed to exceed ten thousand of dollars.*

29. The town officers were assembled this day to take some precautions respecting stoves used in Shops & Offices, & respecting the precautions in preparing proper means for extinguishing & preventing the spread of fires. We had some apprehensions, from the ringing of the bell this evening, of a fire at Marblehead, but we found it was the First Night Lecture opened in the Town at the New Meeting House, so called under Mr. May, to kindle a Fire in the Church. Mr. Wooster of Salem went over to Marblehead to preach the first discourse & blow it up. A fire in the spirits of Marblehead would be worse than in their houses.

30. The news is confirmed that several of our Vessels are on shore in Martha's Vineyard, & proper persons have gone from Salem to that place. The Belisarius it is feared will be lost. It is an old ship belonging to the firm of the Crowninshields & known for her many successful India voyages. Orders are given to save her if possible.

Feb. 1 [1806]. A writer in the Gazette enumerates 12 times in which fires had been destructive in Salem in the last eight years. He says in 1784 were in Salem, 1184 buildings, & a few more than half dwelling houses. In 1798 were 1577, an increase of 373 in 14 years. In the three past years 140 buildings have been added. Since 1801 about 230 buildings, the dwelling houses have increased in greater proportion than other buildings, in 1784 being about half & in 1798 two thirds. What the writer means is not easy to understand unless some buildings have out-houses not reckoned.

2. Sunday. On Wednesday evening, as I have noticed, was the first night lecture in Marblehead. Mr. Worcester of the Tabernacle, who was in such trouble at Fitchburg, began this business. I am told that it has generally been opposed by the men &

*Joshua Cushing lost three printing presses together with type and paper stock. Cushing and Appleton, the publishers, lost heavily on printed books, etc.

the Old Church continues in opposition to it as from the beginning. The state of information in Marblehead makes it probable that the worst consequences may follow. In Lynn, the Methodists have their only reputable establishment in Massachusetts but they have had no favourable occurrences since the Camp Meeting last summer. The Baptists are most successful among the people of New England & their forms wipe away taxes more easily.

5. Attended the funeral yesterday of Mrs. [Sarah] Wallace of Beverly. She was a sister of Mrs. Fairfield of the family of Hubbard, & a very worthy woman. I find Beverly has all its old habits & every visible difference of manners between it & Salem. The funeral procession altogether in Sleighs, tho' the distance to the Burying ground was not an eighth of a Mile. The Minister of the New Meeting House exchanges with the Minister of the old but the conformity to the New is the most visible. Terrour was the subject of his discourses. Mr. Worcester was with me yesterday. They will clip our locks when we sleep in their laps.

7. The Theft which was committed in the Shop of Mr. Baldwin, of Watches & Jewelry, has been discovered so that many of the Articles are recovered. They were found concealed in a Barn at Castle Hill & in the Pasture Hospital. Seventy of the Watches & a great part of the Jewelry have been found. As suspicions rest on particular persons the police officers are busy in their enquiries & further discoveries are expected. It was the greatest Theft ever committed in Salem.

9. Sunday. Note. John Fairfield & wife, d. of her Sister Wallace at Beverly, æt. 41. She was a beautiful & excellent woman & so received.

12. The family of Deacon David Marsh of Haverhill, has been one of the most extraordinary examples of Health & Longevity in our County. Last week died at Haverhill, Enoch Marsh, æt. 68. One of the twelve children of the above deacon. The other eleven are now living & the eldest is now 82 years old. In copying a little fanciful sketch of the Life of Ashley Bowen, an old seaman of Marblehead, who was with the Immortal Cooke in surveying the St. Lawrence, 1759, I retained the following minutes. This Copy sent to Mr. Bowen. 1745 a lad I was christened on Christmas eve at Port Mahon by Rev. Mr. Preston, Author of the work on Masonry, by the name of Ashley. Lewisburg taken. At Sea in 1740 in the Diligent. 1741 at Sea. 1742 at Sea. 1743 at Sea. 1744 at Sea. 1745 at Sea. 1746 in the Dolphin. 1746 Taken by the French twice. 1747 in the Dolphin. 1748 Had the Small Pox. 1748 in the Burlington. 1749 in the Duncan. 1750 in the Swift. 1750 Shipwrecked. 1751 in the Commerce. 1752 in the Nancy & Betsey. 1756 Taken by the French. 1758 Married Dorothy Chadwick. 1759 Went again to Canada. 1760 Winter at Canada. 1761 Ashley the Son born. 1763 Left the Sea. 1767 Nathan born. 1770 Dorothy born.

14. Letter from Esqr. Savage recommending the introduction of Hannah Adams book.* The plea is its worth. It is a work in which Fisher Ames &c. had some concern & it is the work which the Anthology has defended against Dr. Morse & Co. bookmakers. The Summary is carefully drawn, not to hurt the prejudices of those who assist it. Mrs. Adams is not probably in the secret & is a woman of personal merit, who deserves encouragement for her industry and perhaps literary attainments.

15. The choice of a Preacher of the Election Sermon came in before the House this year. This is the third time I have been noticed by the Jefferson party. The whole number of Votes, 217. Mr. Sheppard 114. I had 97 votes a less number than at any former time. These numbers from Centinel. The numbers declared not same in all the Gazettes.

16. Sunday. Notes. Jonathan Brown & wife, d. of his Mother at Lynn, æt. 81. A Twist. Mary Allen & Children, d. of d. in law, pr. for Husband & Brother at Sea. Robert Richardson & wife, d. of gch. Allen, pr. for Son at sea. William Foye & wife & Children, for a Son very sick & a Son at Sea.. We had last Tuesday a Church meeting at which the state of the Church Books was examined. It appeared from the Books that 41 dollars were brought over. That the expences of the year had been 66 dollars, by the provision of the table at 2.12 & by monthly charitable distributions of 2.50 to 5 persons. The whole Amount 101 Dollars & the balance left in Stock 34 Dollars.

17. This day was the quarterly visitation of the Schools. The East School has been shut lately, as the Master had been confined by the Gout & so was not visited. The Grammar School exhibited one boy in Virgil & two in Nepos. A wretched abuse of a School for Learned Languages. The Center Writing School was in nothing preeminent. The West School, under Mr. Hacker, had 110 children upon the Seats, which is a greater number than are commonly seen in all the three other Schools, & excelled in reading, writing & ciphering. The Committee expressed to Mr. Hacker their high approbation.

18. This day at noon, the Ropewalks at the bottom of the Common, Boston, were burnt down. They were five in number & did not communicate the flames to any other buildings. The fire began from the Tarworks of Mr. Howe in whose walk began the destructive fire near Fort Hill, on account of which the Rope walks were removed to this place.

21. Last evening a man drowned at Derby's wharf. In the dark he stept aside & fell overboard, & was not recovered till dead. He was a stranger. We are assured that the South Bridge from Market Street to South fields has obtained. This day the

*Truth and excellence of the Christian Religion, 1804.

friends of the present administration meet in a County Caucus at Ipswich to prepare a list for the ensuing election of the season.

23. Sunday. Notes. Moses Little & wife, d. of his Father at Newbury, æt. 81. Philip English, d. of his Brother Joseph English, æt. 72. William Foye, wife & children, d. of Child, Pr. for sons at sea. Henry Webb & wife, d. of youngest Child, pr. for Brethren at Sea. We had this day a Contribution for our Sexton, Philip English, who has been a faithful man in the service of the Congregation for 43 years. We obtained for him \$82.50 which with private favours will generously assist him. The vindication of the wife of Dr. Dana of Ipswich, against Marcus, known to be the Son of the Dr., has appeared under the signature of an Impartial Observer. Dr. D. and his family ought to know that they have a malignant adversary in Mr. S. Spring.

The Branch shut this day for painting of the Pews. More Birdlime.

25. I went for Charlestown & found preparations for us at Seaton's. A Committee from the North Parish of Hingham, was ready to receive us & we spent the day in their service. In the Sunday bill I shall review these transactions which publish the bitterness of political resentments & the true character of Dr. Morse. In the evening I passed to Boston and spent the evening with Dr. Lathrop.

26. I spent an hour with Dr. Eliot very pleasantly. I visited the spot on which the late Ropewalks stood & observed with pleasure the increasing prosperity of my native town. The Contests about Bridges are heard in every family & some of them will naturally enough obtain. After dinner I returned to Salem in the Stage.

28. A melancholy occurrence has lately been noticed in Marblehead. The young wife* of a Young Physician, named White, who has lately moved to Marblehead, after having discovered a melancholy state of mind hung herself in the upper part of her own house in the morning when the family thought she had risen to go about her domestic concerns. She belonged to Newbury Port. Such events are very rare in Marblehead. We have for the first time in 22 years a deranged young woman in our society who threatens & attempts but in other respects has been well informed & amiable. She was in her best health, reserved, studious & solitary. With a nervous fever came on a merry mood very unnatural to her habits. She is now in the opposite but more natural extreme.

March 1 [1806]. The weather cold & blustering. Capt. Rhea furnished me yesterday another opportunity to write & to send to Hamburg, and Capt. Elkins has sent me 300 wt. of Coffee from

*Mrs. Mary, wife of Dr. Joseph H. White. This death is not recorded in Marblehead records.

Dr. Pringle, resident at Mocha. Mr. J. Pickering, who has long been County Register, on account of his age & infirmities proposes to resign. Our Brigadier Gen. E. H. Derby upon the resignation of General Foster was chosen in the Senate to succeed him. But the House have chosen Gen. Brickett of Haverhill, Major General of the 2d division. The Senate afterwards concurred in the choice of Gen. Brickett.

2. Sunday. Notes. Henry Foye & wife, her delivery, Brothers at sea. Last week died at Ipswich, æt. 55, Revd. Levi Frisbee, & was interred on the 27 February. He was one of the first Graduates of Dartmouth College, & received his degree in the first year in which they bestowed public honours. He was received in the first Church of Ipswich as successor to Mr. N[athaniel] Rogers & maintained a good reputation in his pulpit services as well as a good name in all the virtues of life. He had a full share of theological knowledge & had cultivated a knowledge of the belles Letters & of the French preachers. Being naturally reserved & habitually modest he withdrew more & more from society as he became qualified to enter it. Being very free in the use of snuff, he gave a disagreeable tone to his voice naturally good, & he neglected all energy in delivering himself in the pulpit. His habit led to a partial derangement which discovered itself in some domestic bereavements & finally, upon the troubles in Ipswich with the Baptists & the affairs of Dr. Dana's domestic embarrassments, it fixed in a settled delirium of a very melancholy character & without any lucid intervals continued till his death. He was one of the first & of the best Scholars Dartmouth College has produced. On Tuesday, I met the Clergy chosen by the North parish in Hingham, to consider the character of their Candidate Joseph Richardson. Present Dr. Cummings, Dr. Os-good, Mr. Foster & Mr. Green. As we had no vote of any church before us it was evident we were in no sense an ecclesiastical Council. It appeared we were chosen by the Parish & minister on the subject of his character. The votes in the parish were 157 to 46. A remonstrance signed by the opposers was also produced. At length Mr. Lincoln, Preceptor of the Academy, appeared in behalf of the Opposition & proposed a Mutual Council. He insisted that the majority of the Church were against the Candidate elected by the Parish but the Parish [Church?] produced a larger number of names as 25 to 20. It appeared clearly to me that from Dr. Cummings testimony, the Character of the young man was good till he went to Charlestown. He then had some party prejudices from Dr. Morse, which he divulged, & from this fact a most violent persecution has begun upon the strength of political party only. The persons to whom the communication was made appeared, as did Dr. Morse, but it was concluded to leave the whole to a Mutual council & we had only a conference with the parties.

Thus Dr. Morse proceeds in the full career of his religious & political persecutions. He has attacked parties in the state, he has published Ocean sermons & Illuminati sermons. He has attacked the University & he goes on to reprobate the Clergy whenever they are in the way of his prejudices & wishes.

March 4 was announced by discharge of Cannon on the Crowninshield wharf, as the day which gave Jefferson to the Councils of the Nation. The pleasure of the day was interrupted by a discharge of Cannon which proved fatal to James Philips, an enterprising young man who was in the act of charging the gun which he had forgotten to spunge.

5. Mr. [Elias Hasket] Derby has declined being a candidate for a seat in the Senate. He offers as his public excuse, a necessary attention to his public affairs. This day ended a trial of four days before our Magistrates, of Foster & Usher upon suspicion of having committed a robbery in Andover upon a traveller. The person robbed appeared to have no serious doubts of the persons but would not swear that they were. The witnesses were in contradiction to each other. The general opinion of their guilt obtained but the magistrates did not find evidence sufficient to imprison them.

8. I learn with great sorrow that Gen. Stark has the Gout & that his friends are apprehensive that this will be his last sickness. The old age of this Hero is rich in the strength of his faculties but his frame is slender.

9. Sunday. Lucia Philips, d. of her Husband, G. M. very sick. We have news of the death of Revd. Samuel Haven, D. D. of Portsmouth, æt. 79. This man married a daughter of Dr. Appleton of Cambridge, & was a very great imitator of Whitefield, but not with success among good Judges. He often preached at Cambridge when visiting his Father Appleton & President Langdon & was much distinguished by his affectation. He had a numerous family but was as a Preacher more fanatical, than immoral. Much is said of his parsimony which lately occasioned the resignation of his Colleague, Mr. [Timothy] Alden, of which notice was taken & the sermon & proceedings printed. Among the late occurrences we are assured that Mr. Pottle of the Baptist Company in Ipswich, being obliged to be absent, he advised his friends not to visit any other Congregation but to assemble & read & pray or even be silent together. Dr. [John] Manning, a noted Physician, who is supposed to make a political use of the dissensions if not to gratify some personal prejudices, undertook to lead in the devotions of the Assembly. In prayer he did not appear to be at home, but in his harangue he contributed to edify the assembly whom he honoured with his effusions.

10. Day for the choice of Town Officers & a warmly contested election. Never were more arts employed or of a more detestable nature. After the whole day had been spent it appeared that two of the old Selectmen, Col. John Harthorne & Capt. B. Ward, were

rechosen & one of the Candidates for the Opposition Mr. S. Ropes. Two remain to be chosen and it was agreed to drop all the Candidates & to agree in Capt. Jonathan Mason & Capt. H. Prince. At noon we were interrupted by the cry of fire. It was in Mr. Neh[emiah] Adam's Shop [cabinet maker] at the head of Williams street near Washington Square. Much was saved. This is the second shop on fire when in possession of Mr. N. Adams. One was burnt down at the Opposite corner of Washington Square Corner of East & Newbury street.

12. Yesterday the Elections of the Town were completed & the Republican Ticket was in its full extent successful. So that our present Selectmen are Col. John Harthorne, Capt. B. Ward, Capt. Jona. Mason & Capt. H. Prince of the Republican Ticket & Mr. S. Ropes of the Federal Ticket. The other appointments were made at the will of the Republicans.

13. The expences in the Statement before Congress for the Fort on Winter Island, Salem, ceded to the United States, are given [as] 2 & ½ thousand Dollars.

14. The shameful liberty of sending three boys to examine the Selectmen's books in their absence is greatly execrated in Salem & discovers not only the violence of the party in the Opposition of this place, but the utter incapacity for the management of their own affairs. The three Boys were Young Pickering, son of Tim, Young Wetmore, s. in law of Orne, both young lawyers & Young Hearsy Derby. In consequence they mistook Brundy for a liquor, when it was a man of the name, & misrepresented the Town account of the Selectmen against the most evident documents they possessed.* So outrageous is party.

16. The State of our University at Cambridge, has for a long time engaged the public attention not only in regard to the state of literature but in regard to the operation of political parties upon its transactions while deprived of a President & directing its attention to a proper person for that Office. The Senior professor, Pearson, S., of the Corporation, has been long courting the orthodox party to which he never belonged, & by a sufficient degree of zeal he maintained the friendship of Adam's party in the Commonwealth & then of the Anti Jeffersonians. By a junction with Morse, in the late election of Professor Weare, he was betrayed into the indiscretions of his party & the Federalists determined that he should never fill the President's chair. No character appeared so prominent in their own party as to unite them. The best of them in Boston designated Dr. Kirkland who was the best qualified man that could be found. But his youth & the idle prejudices of weak men made this choice hazardous. After many meetings the President's Chair was offered to Fisher Ames, who prudently declined. The public calling still for a nomination, & it being uncertain what party would command

*See Salem Gazette, March 11, 1806.

in the State next year, & as the Gov. & Senate are indeed the principal part of the Overseers, it was concluded not to risk delay & Professor Samuel Webber was elected President, by the Corporation. In consequence, as was threatened, Professor Pearson resigned. The Board of Overseers accepted the Choice of Webber & the resignation of Pearson. The Gazettes of Boston have been filled with the affair. The Students have addressed Pearson, whom they were thought to have hated, & his friends have vindicated him so as to secure him some pity & perhaps much contempt. So stands the matter at the present moment. Two Professorships now remain to be filled & the College is not filled with Prominent characters, either as Gentlemen or Scholars, or as commanding influence in the State. The Controversy at Ipswich produced a ridiculous sheet from Plummer* which he sold about streets about Dana's affair. Another paper has appeared by an impartial enquirer & this is to be followed by a full statement from a Member of the Council, Mr. Wood, of Newbury.

17. This day died the only daughter of Revd. N. Fisher & late wife of C[lifford] Crowninshield. The circumstances of the marriage & its effect upon the kindred had drawn the public attention to it & to this event.

18. Last evening we were alarmed by the appearance of fire at Marblehead. It was soon explained. In the town some vile attempts had been made to depreciate the services of the Selectmen by a pamphlet† put in circulation & cautiously distributed gratis. The Town in their meeting unanimously condemned the Pamphlet & ordered it to be publicly burnt by the Constables. Their great unanimity has repelled with honor this vile attempt to injure them.

19. Mr. Richardson‡ of Salem, has repelled the vile attack upon himself as a Selectman, in the purchase of materials for a cistern. By the Account in full length & proper documents he has vindicated himself from that portion of the obloquy that party intended to heap upon him. The Son in Law of Gen. Stark, writing to me from Pembroke, N. H. 17 March, says in answer to my request that I might be permitted to unite in any funeral honour should the present illness be fatal, "He has enjoined it upon his family to inter his remains with as little ceremony as possible, & has pointed out the spot upon his own farm. It is a small sand hill, long known by the name of Dutton hill, & from the base of it issues a spring of excellent water. Being questioned upon the cause of chusing that spot, he answered 'It was dry & warm, & handy to the water.'" He has directed his family to wear no badges of mourning Major Stark, his son, is now collecting materials for the Life of his father which

*Jonathan Plumer of Newburyport, Timothy Dexter's poet-laureate.

†"An Address to the Inhabitants of Marblehead, Relative to the Very Bad Policy of the Town." See Road's History of Marblehead (1897), pp. 276-280.

‡Capt. Addison Richardson.

will be published after his death. Gen. Stark was very ill with the Gout at the last date.

22. Things look for the moment favourably to the reelection of Republican State Officers & to the choice of Sullivan. But so much art is employed, & so much of instant prejudice that in a state election so warmly contested with nearly equal numbers, nothing is to be calculated but by the chance of the Lottery.

23. Richard Rogers' Seven Treatises into my hands.* It has been put as a Book which was used among the first settlers at Newburyport. In the Boston Palladium of March 21, was given the following of Revd. Levi Frisbie of Ipswich. He was born at Branford in Conn., April, 1748, & was patronized by Wheelock in regard to the Missionary Service. His early studies were at Lebanon & at Bethlehem under Dr. Belamy. In 1767 he entered Yale College & remained above 3 years, but removed to Dartmouth & graduated in 1771 & "stands at the head of their Catalogue among the first degrees." In 1772 he was ordained for the Missionary service. In 1775 he came to Ipswich & succeeded Revd. N. Rogers, 7 Feb. 1776. The melancholy into which he sunk was extreme. Of a solitary temper he did not display with advantage the rich virtues & talents which were attributed to him. Dr. Dana is still persecuted with Pamphlets. The impartial Enquirer has much to say in vindication of the wife, especially from any charge in consequence of her present separate state, & that she ought not to be excluded from Communion, as the latitude of interpretation might lead to suppose from the Result of Council. It was a poor thing. Rev. Leonard Wood of Newbury, who was on the Council, has appeared in its vindication. His whole pamphlet tends to criminate the son under the signature of Marcus, & it is generally agreed that the Son at Newbury Port has provoked an examination which does not promise much eventually to the Father's character. Wood's book appears made on the occasion but not without provocation. He has public prejudice in his favour.

April 1 [1806]. Parties were never more active for the approaching elections. Ward Committees and Sub Committees are appointed and the most preserving diligence is observed & yet with great silence. It is impossible to conjecture the event of the elections. Both parties hope for it.

2. The bon fire in Marblehead will occasion serious trouble. The wretches who wrote & sent the pamphlet to divide the people, are full of indignation at the ill success & have carried the report of the resentment to the Grand Jury & have obtained a Bill for a Riot. This is to help Mr. Crowninshield whose grey hairs they are determined to bring down with sorrow by another charge of riot to aggravate the public feelings.

*See ante, Dec. 19, 1805.

3. This is the Annual Fast. The Congregation thin & the Poor's Contribution fell short this year one quarter part of last year being only 75 D. The day was observed in great quiet. We have no other New England State Fast this day. Conn. is on the morrow & N. H. & Vermont later in the month. We cannot get so early the Bitter herbs* for Fast day dinner.

5. Last evening we had the largest Republican Caucus ever known in Salem. Mr. Dearborn spouted for them & did it well. The violence of the opposition justifies every effort which the laws do allow. Never have scandal & corruption gone to greater excesses than on the present occasion. This whole day was spent by the Selectmen in preparing the List of Voters & by their resolution they were able to preserve good order in their business.

6. Sunday. Note. Martha Fuller, d. of her husband, & for two Brothers absent. She has one child. Her husband belonged to Middleton & as his health did not admit of labour he came to keep a Retail Shop in Salem, & died of a bleeding soon after his coming into the Town. He was buried in Middleton. The last papers announce the death of Hon. Joseph Gardner Esq. æt. 92. He graduated at Cambridge in 1732 & was in the ministry. When I was at School he was in the neighborhood of the School & was a follower of Sandeman & while that society met in our Schoolhouse, having lost their Meeting House by fire, the Usher's desk was provided for him. I never found that he joined in the communion of that Sect. He was afterwards one of the common plea judges of Suffolk & an acting Justice, & as might be expected in that character, went through good report & evil report. He was one of the witnesses to my G. Father's will & he was paid for his services. He was neat in his person, accomplished in his manners, insinuating in his address, & so far as I know as good as men in his condition usually are. I conversed with him at my last visit to Boston & found him as cheerful as ever, but old age had made deep furrows, even where it had not destroyed all grace or prevented all claims of reverence & respect. Mr. [Timothy] Alden of Portsmouth, was with me last evening. He was Colleague Pastor of Dr. Haven lately deceased, & was dismissed by consent of parties or, as he calls it, starved out. He mentions that he has prepared a Ecclesiastical History of Portsmouth, which he has sent for publication in the Historical Societies papers. He has prepared an account of Joshua Moody, the Minister of Boston so friendly to Mr. English in 1692, as I noticed in my account of Salem. He can give an account of David Robinson, grad. 1738, who was settled at Newcastle, N. H. He could not recollect any dates, but remembered that he died in a few months after his Ordination. For Seth Norton, 1751, he referred me to Revd. Norton of Weymouth. For W. Johnson, 1748, he referred me to the late life of President Johnson of New York. Mr. [Na-

*Dandelions.

thaniel] Stone, who left his parish in Windham, Maine, was with Mr. Alden. This Mr. Stone has opened a school in this town in Herbert street. The news from Jebaco* is that the Baptist frenzy has entered that place, for which Mr. Cleveland made full preparation.

8. The people of Marblehead were brought by two Grand Jury men before the Grand Jury, & the jury found a bill against the Constables, who acted upon the authority of the Town, for a riot. The town has voted to support the Constables & to do all in their power to detect the printer & writer of the libel. With such fury has political party proceeded that it has lost all discretion & judgment.

9. [The annual election.] We have not done in this County better than last year, tho' we have had more votes.

13. Sunday. Note. Benj. Bray & wife, d. of his Father in Law Thorndike Deland. This day will be memorable by the death of my worthy friend Captain Benjamin Hodges. He was a man of fine proportions & beyond the usual size. He appeared to possess uncommon health, strength, & energy. He was born in Salem in 1754, 26 April, & his Mother was a Manning. By both parents he was descended from the first settlers of New England. As his Ancestors had been employed upon the seas, he persevered in that habit & was employed in opening our Commerce with the East in 1785 in the *Astrea*, a Ship belonging to E. H. Derby of this town of Salem. After he had accumulated a competence for his mercantile concerns he established himself as a Merchant on the Union Wharf & under the firm of Nichols & Hodges his business was transacted till his death. As he united the purest self love with the greatest usefulness of character, he had the entire confidence of his family, his friends, & the town in which he lived. As an Overseer of the Poor he possessed greater love for all classes of the Poor than has been ever known in the Town. As a Member of the East Society he displayed greater attention to its interests than any other man, & indeed the sole conduct of its prudential affairs were entrusted to him. As a Minister, I believe by his death I loose the best of friends & an unceasing benefactor. I certainly loose an eighth of my income, beside what I do receive from his prudence, foresight, diligence, & constant care. For two years he has discovered marks of declining health & last October he was taken with a bleeding from his lungs & from that time has been confined to his house & for the greater part of the time in his Chamber. He continued calm, rational, & collected through his sickness. In devotional exercises he confessed that he could enjoy himself most happily, but no superstition attached itself to these exercises. He declared that he loved them for the effect he enjoyed upon the mind, & from his own self possession he enjoyed them as acceptable to

*Chebacco, now the town of Essex.

God. I prayed with him three times in the last week & was in the house just before his death, but no particular alarm had been given. He was taken with bleeding from the lungs & in a very few minutes expired. Till the last he was as collected as at any time of his whole life, & arranged everything for his funeral, begging that all ceremony might be avoided that the Customs of the Country did not absolutely require. At Boxford, has died Elizur Holyoke, æt. 75.* For many years he has been unable to attend to the duties of his Office. He was a nephew of President Holyoke & graduated at Cambridge, 1750. He is the father of Mr. [Samuel] Holyoke who has distinguished himself as a teacher & editor of music. He was not distinguished in his profession but he did experience the kindest care for many years from his people after he suffered by paralytic affections.

15. The prosecution of the Marblehead people for a riot in burning the Lying Pamphlet has occasioned much uneasiness & will apparently be accompanied with some serious discontents.

16. Never was the public opinion more kind than to Capt. B. Hodges. It is agreed that consent was never more full to the excellency of any character. And at a time when slander has all its rage & all its licentiousness, this must be considered as an extraordinary proof of his great merit. The frequency of religious meeting in the evenings has already discovered its tendency in the lawless follies & behaviour of youth in our streets.

17. Yesterday was intended for the interment of our good friend Capt. Hodges, but the weather did not permit. This day he had all the honours which a very large concourse of the best Citizens could pay. His pall was supported by the four overseers & one member from the E. I. Marine [Society] & another from our Religious Society. These were appointed by himself. No Society formed in the procession but all followed the Corpse as friends in the usual manner.

18. This day we had the Melancholy News from Andover that Nancy Allent† had drowned herself in a well near the house of Mr. Johnson, N. Parish. She was always reserved, but of good reputation. Last fall at the Neck she had a nervous fever which ended in a delirium filled with gayety opposed to all her former habits. By physic at Andover she seemed restored but in the winter became melancholy, & bent on self destruction. She made many attempts with an art & address to which she seemed before a stranger. The extreme vigilance required wore upon the spirits of the family & the advice was to provide a good family in the country. Every prudent care was used without success. This is the first instance of suicide in my Society since I have known it or that I ever heard of in it.

*Minister of the first church in Boxford.

†Daughter of Edward and Margaret Allen, aged 22 years. See Ante, Feb. 28, 1806.

20. Sunday. Notes. Hannah Hodges & children, d. of her husband B. Hodges. Mary Boardman, d. of her Brother Hodges, pr. for absent friends. George Hodges & family, d. of his Br. B. Hodges, pr. for Brothers at sea. Gam[aliel] Hodges & Wife, d. of his Brother B. Hodges. Margaret Allen & children, d. of her daughter Nancy. Emmons Smith & wife, for him dang. sick. Mr. [Hezekiah] May of the New Meeting in Marblehead, has much disturbed his friends in that Town by his interference in the pulpit with the sense of the town. It is expected that the ties always weak will now be lost & that his continuance will be uncomfortable. A curious anecdote in a small neighbouring fishing town. Some bucks from G. had assembled at a public house, & at a loss for amusements in the evening they sent for the Pastor of the Society to fiddle for them. He came & was fuddled. The Landlady saw the condition of the man & was much offended. She fixed no blame on the Pastor, because he was invited, but upon her Guests, for the woe, says she, is to the man who gives the bottle, not to him that takes it. The fiddler fiddled.

23. All hands are mustering for the Court at Ipswich. C[rowninshield] again for his riot & for his wharf. Marblehead enters for their riot. Salem for rejecting votes & we hear already cast at once with fines & costs to pay again. All these things are against us. Quid de his?

24. We learn that the C[rowninshield] riot has a Noli prosequi, C. paying all the Court Charges, which are said not to exceed one hundred dollars. No bill was found against the Marblehead Pamphleteer, W. Reed. Our Selectmen have been cast in the case of Kilham, as they were in the case of Gardiner. The Court determined [that] being in the States at the Declaration of Independence or in this State at forming the Constitution gave Citizenship to persons born in the States.

27. Sunday. [Note] Katy Golph a free Negro, d. of her husband. The Universalists are making great efforts to gain an establishment. Mr. Murray from Boston comes on one week & Mr. Jones from Cape Ann, on the next. They promise themselves great success & report many private friends to help them.

28. The Book fair is to be opened under very careful regulations this season. The death of Gen. Gates will probably be soon accompanied with the death of Gen. Starks, who remains still feeble according to last accounts from him.

30. We hear from New York that the British Ship [Leander] wantonly fired on a sloop & killed the Mate [John Pearce]. The inhabitants took alarm at it. Seized some of the Crew ashore, took their provisions from them & the City was in uproar. The English Consul was obliged to leave the City & preparations were made for a most solemn procession which would give the last fury to the public resentment. The merchants turn this event to

their own account to urge the defence of their harbour by proper military fortifications & naval force.

May 4 [1806]. Sunday. [Note] Wid. Elizabeth Andrews, d. of her g. child Stone, pr. for children absent. The Historical Society, in consequence of the political invectives of the depending election, have given their votes to Christopher Gore, & have neglected their old President, Judge Sullivan. This man has been their patron from the first institution of their Society. The most influential men in this Society are Ministers of Religion.

6. Was our Day of Training. The day was fine & the Independent Companies were out & added much to the military appearance of the day. No disorders took place but the irregular firings after the troops were dismissed as is common among Militia.

9. The President of the United States has issued a proclamation of May 3, to apprehend Henry Whitly, Commander of the *Leander*, for the murder of [John] Pearce at New York. It is spirited & tho' called for by the Opposition is the subject of most serious alarm to that virulent party. They know not how they stand with their friends, the British, & are in as much haste to reprobate the consequences of their measures as they ever have been to adopt them.

11. Sunday. [Note] Widow Mary Collins & children, her sick of fever, pr. for son at sea. A Letter has been lately exhibited purporting that some missionaries long waiting at Canton, had been admitted into China & were on their way to Peking. That Thousands had embraced Christianity in Peking. We know not what degree of expectation to indulge from such reports. It is said the Scriptures were in great forwardness in the Chinese Language. So much is sure that this is an age of missionaries & that they hope to penetrate into every part of the Globe. Dr. Lathrop of Springfield, has published a sermon on the Witch of Endor in which he maintains the letter of the account & deduces the doctrine of the intermediate state from the fact. Is not this retrograde?

12. The Halibut ascended as far as Essex Bridge. This day one was taken from the Bridge of 30lb & a larger one further up the river. The bay fish usually come near the shores at this season but not usually the first of this species.

13. The Committee of the East Society met at my house upon the subject of the payment of the Singing Master & concluded upon a Contribution. This evening an Opposition Caucus, on the next to be a Republican Caucus. We have good news from Marblehead, Lynn, & Gloucester. Present appearances are in favour of the Republican ticket.

15. This day we had our warmly contested election of Representatives. It was determined to give every embarrassment. The

whole morning was spent in debates, whether 6 or 9, our full number, should be sent. For the highest number the Republicans contended. It was at noon questioned in what manner the vote should be taken as the House was crowded & many could not enter the hall & the hands could not exactly be counted. The Republicans were confident of a majority. It was proposed that the house should be polled & the opposition contended with warmth, in the street. After delay the Selectmen, 4 of them, determined to count the numbers at the north & south doors. The ill success of every expedient being known, the Federalists withdrew & the vote for nine being taken, above 500 votes were taken for the Representatives. Their names are, for the six of the past year, J. Harthorne, W. Cleaveland, J. Story, Josh. Ward, J. Southwick, W. Stearns, & for three to be added Jo. White 2d, Jo. Winn, & H. Elkins.

16. Last evening a Caucus of the Opposition. A plan was formed to get the names of the Republican Voters from the Checked List of the Selectmen, by S. Ropes, the Selectmen of the party, but it was frustrated. On this evening a Remonstrance against the Proceedings of the Town was signed & is to be carried round for further assistance. The Spring very backward in Salem.

17. Rode to Marblehead with d[aughter] of Mr. Watson to dine with Mr. Eaton who married his niece. In Conversation with Mr. Martin I learnt the desperate attempts to ruin the reputation of Mr. West in order to procure a divorce. After a pleasing visit I went to Swampscott to visit W. Phillips, set. 90, & to leave him some pledge. His sight is much impaired & he is enfeebled. From his house we rode upon Nahant beach, then passed to the Lynn salt works, & thence to the Turnpike Hotel, kept by Mr. Ward, & thence returned to Salem. This is the first ride of the season & the first day which would admit such pleasure.

18. Sunday. [Notes] Hannah Brown with her g. children, d. of Daughter Mary Gray, the widow of John Gray, who died abroad a few years ago. Children absent. Benjamin Brown & Sisters, d. of their Sister Gray. Abigail Burdett & children, d. of her Mother Burditt, pr. for son at sea. Edward Dalton & wife & Brother & Sister, d. of her Mother Mary Collins, Brs. at Sea. John Eathen (death of a near friend) who addressed Widow E. Gray. This evening we have four lectures in Salem & at Houses near each other. At the Tabernacle, Branch, Baptists, & Universalist's Hall in Marlborough street.

21. A remonstrance has indeed been attempted in Salem against the late elections, & the Committee are about soliciting subscriptions & alarming the dependant citizens with apprehensions that all aid will be withdrawn. The alarm which the increased number of Representatives has given had induced the four towns of Sa-

lem, Marblehead, Gloucester, & Lynn to send 24 representatives to the General Court. The number of Representatives already reported leaves little doubt of a majority of Republicans & this fact relieves the public mind from any apprehensions of the usual political artifices in setting aside our representatives.

24. Application from Cambridge to deliver a Discourse before the Lodge then to be formed in that place. The College has long objected, especially the President & Prof. Pearson, & both from the alarms of Robison & Barruel. In the present state of Cambridge I did not consent. Mr. Harris with me from Dorchester. His journal to Ohio, he tells me does not sell. Few copies, unless to subscribers, have been disposed of. I took another copy as I had sent my former copy to Prof. Ebeling. He enumerates the Candidates for the Vacant Professorships. Revd. Popkin of Newbury, Revd. J. McKeen of Milton, N. Bowditch of Salem for Mathematical Chair, & Mr. Alden of Portsmouth, J. Pickering of Salem & himself for the Oriental Chair. These are the prominent characters, tho' others have been mentioned & preferred. Such has been the weather that for the first time this evening the Bathing House* has been opened & I entered for the first time. The Aqueduct was introduced into it in the past week at 20 dollars a year. Some new regulations are introduced & the Ladies have the use of the house exclusively three days in the week.

25. Sunday. Notes. Elizabeth Philpot, d. of her Sister Gale. They had lived together many years. Her Sister died at 82, she is living at 85, much bent by age. Emmons Smith & wife, d. of youngest child. He approaching to death. Nathan Murray, d. of his Mother Elizabeth Pearce, aet. 68, lately removed from Salem to Boston. Elder Snow, well known as a Captain of a Coaster in our port & as a public preacher in Maine, has published upon Free Communion & upon the conduct of the Baptists in withdrawing from the Other Churches, price 18 cents. This is the right sort of books to have attention paid to among the good people who are deluded by uncharitable pretensions & practices. Judge Winthrop is the author of the papers on Primitive History in the Literary Miscellany of Cambridge. It is thought that the Judge appears with greater advantage than in his explanation of the Apocalypse of St. John.

26. We had our first School Committee meeting. We have determined to exclude from the Grammar School all writing & arithmetic that Grammar might be the first study in it. It has long been in a very degraded state. District Committees are chosen for the Writing Schools but not for the Grammar School. This is made the charge of the whole Committee.

27. The Town meeting remonstrance does not appear with its

*On Bath street, southerly end of the Common.

first aspect. It has become a dark affair & will probably be lost in night.

28. A proud Day for Republicanism. A majority in the Senate & in the House. No choice of Gov[ernor] announced. Rep[ublican] L[ieut.] Gov. chosen by a majority of Thousands. Some difficulty in chusing the President of the Senate delayed the business of the day, but we have much to hope of the aspiring ambition of some republicans not betrayed by the arts of the opposition. This day I was at Salem & in the afternoon passed to Nahant & there I found the celebrated John Gardner of Trinity Church, Boston. He was with his family & his pupils which are from reputable families.

29. I went to Boston. At Convention above 600 D. were collected. I visited the Court House* & found the hall completely filled. Permission of entrance was granted. No business was transacted while I was present. I approved of my friends for withdrawing my name from the nomination of Chaplain as the delicacy of the case required.

30. I visited all parts of the Town after having paid my usual respects to the Book stores. I passed over the new road to the Dorchester New Bridge, and then visited West Boston. The Rope Walks at the bottom of the Common are rebuilding. Superb Buildings are rising in every direction. The changes are beyond all my expectations. No part of Boston is without changes & the great improvements of Broad Street have already destroyed all resemblance of the former appearance. The street from Charlestown bridge over the Mill pond is to be executed immediately. Faneuil Hall is greatly enlarged & has been already used & is finishing with great dispatch. The apartments below for the Market are divided for large & small meats. I suffered no part of the Town to [be] unobserved & everywhere found the same favourable changes in this place of my nativity. I returned in the stage to Salem.

June 1 [1806]. Sunday. Something like approaching summer. We have had none of the fine days of spring. While in Boston I had an opportunity to observe the progress of their improvements & the increase of their religious edifices. The West Boston Meeting House is in great forwardness. The walls & the towers were nearly finished & a large cellar was provided. The Brick Meeting House for the Blacks was also ready for the roof. The lower story is prepared for a School & for the reception of the Minister. The first provision of the kind ever made in New England, excepting in the New Catholic Chapel in Boston. This House will have convenient galleries & will be finished in the usual style of meeting houses with pews & benches. It is in the range

*The State House in which meets "The Great and General Court."

of the street of New Boston, south of the street to Cambridge Port Bridge. Another Baptist meeting House is contemplated at West Boston, not far from Barton's point or the present Charity House. Near the Charity House I observed a vessel on the stocks which was a common sight formerly. In the Convention Sermon, Total depravity & the pure divinity of three persons were most warmly asserted to be Gospel doctrines. Little hope is left for a reformation in these points. In the Choice of a Chaplain for the Senate, Revd. Mr. Allen of Pittsfield had 19 votes, & Mr. Emerson of Boston 20. In the House, the votes were 428 of which Revd. Dr. Baldwin of Boston had 261.

3. The Committee on which I was appointed with Joseph Sprague Junr. & Mr. John Watson, this day at 2 P. M. went up to Spring Farm to enquire respecting the establishment of a School in that neighbourhood for the benefit of children from Salem, Danvers, & Lynn living between the Spring brook as it passes the road from Spring pond & the sluice or brook passing into Flax pond in Lynn. Upon enquiry we found that in the past year Mr. Osborne, in behalf of the Town of Danvers, had granted for the assistance of the School & had paid Six Dollars in Sept., 1805. That the School mistress had been at Rhodes, on the Spring farm, 16 weeks & had had in that time from 10 to 20 children from 14 to five years of age, chiefly under 12 years of age. That S. Rhodes had 4 children, Jo. Rhodes 3, Jo. Newhall 2, Gelusia 3, Gelusia 2d 1, Pickering 2, & Tapley 1, 16 all of Danvers. That Jona. Shillaber had 3, S. Browne 2, W. Very 5, Jacob Galusia 4, Curtis 1, & Reed 3, 18 all of Salem. That the children who had attended the school in the above 16 weeks averaged 16 Children through that term. That the pay of the Schoolmistress had been 4 1-2s. That she wished to raise 16d. a week but was discouraged. She wished to receive for her services 4s.6d. a week & pay her board of one Dollar, making 10s.6d. a week. We found her engaged in a School with 12 Children all well clad. Of them 3 were of Rhodes, 5 of Galusia, 1 Newhall of Danvers, one of Larabee, Lynn, & 2 of Shillaber of Salem. The fourteen were examined & gave a good account of themselves. Of the 12 children, 7 were males & 5 females.

4. Found for the first time the *Ascidia* upon the rocks on the Neck in the place I call my garden. We just begin to feel the heat of summer without spring.

7. By engagement with Mr. Jos. Richardson, preaching at Hingham, I left Salem in the morning at 10 to supply his place in Hingham. I passed over the Dorchester or S. Boston Bridge, & dined at Eaton's Inn, Dorchester. I just saw Rev. T. M. Harris. The changes in this vicinity are great & the bridge will probably obtain from Wheeler's point as better adapted to the new acquisition of Lands. Upon the new turnpike I passed below

or eastward of the Milton Road over Neponset Bridge into Quincy, & through Weymouth, leaving the turnpike at the landing, I passed on the old road to Hingham. At the lodgings of Mr. Richardson I was received by a part of the Committee. It seems from the power of political prejudices, sufficiently discovered at the late interview in Charlestown & by the influence of Dr. Morse, a violent opposition has been maintained till the seceders having public worship in the Academy have at length proposed a separation in form & have received the Communion from Mr. Whitney, minister in Quincy. Mr. Richardson has been uniformly excluded from the pulpits of the neighbouring towns. At this time the seceding members of Hingham Church were in meeting & consented, as the former Deacons were with them, to deliver up the Church plate, requesting only a division of it, but asserting no claim. And the Deacons were willing to officiate if asked. The friends of Mr. Richardson had requested the plate & had appointed brethren to officiate at the communion. Their object is to proceed to ordination. Such advice as was deemed seasonable to accomplish that end was given.

8. Sunday. The table was prepared in the usual manner & above twenty members, 8 of whom were men, were added to the Church, & in the evening service 2 children were baptised. No opposition took place or objection was made. In the division of the Church the members were nearly equal, but in the congregation three quarters were with Mr. Richardson. I visited the sick in the evening & remained for the night with Mr. R's friends. They appear to be firmly attached, but as I have no particular acquaintance with him I cannot estimate the grounds of it. They represent that the utmost pains have been taken to injure his character, but it is confessed on all hands not in consequence of any thing which has occurred in that Town. Dr. Cummings vouches for him till he recommended him as a Teacher in the Academy at Charlestown. The Selectmen vouch for his character in that place. So that the charges rest upon a dispute about some confidential matters with Dr. Morse, which were explained at the Reference, & some promises of marriage which he did not think proper to fulfil, of which Dr. Cummings knew nothing immoral or forfeiting character.

9. Left Hingham & passing near the head of Braintree & Weymouth Turnpike passed into Hanover from the landing & proceeded into Pembroke leaving the body of the settlements upon my right & Scituate upon my left. Then passed Snapit Meeting House, built upon the edge of Scituate & now used by the Methodists chiefly, into the edge of Duxbury & then through Kingston into Plymouth. No turnpiking was found beyond Braintree. The road in Pembroke was under repairs. Beyond was sandy but we had every advantage from a seasonable rain. The road into

Plymouth is very unequal & has many risings & in very neglected state. The Town does not open till you are entering it. It lays upon very uneven ground. The harbour is formed by the Gurnet head & a spit of sand. It is very shallow & nearly empty at the ebb. It has many shoals in it. The main street lies not far from the shore having a Water street below it & Cross streets. The Meeting house stands eastward of the Great Hill upon which the fort was built by the first settlers & upon the top of which now is the burying ground. Between it & the wharves & the celebrated landing place is another hill with a steep bank under which the first settlers built & upon that hill they buried Gov. Carver. The spot was designated on the N. E. part of the hill. A new street was opening from the New Meeting House lately built towards the First Meeting House. The town appeared decently & many of the buildings were painted with good effect. The style of building is with a crown roof, upon the second story in the best houses; few being of three upright stories. The First Meeting House has a bell & a public clock & notice is given at 5 in the morning & at one afternoon. The court house is of two stories with a cupola. The Goal is back of the County house upon a Square the S. W. side of which was occupied by the house of Mrs. Nicholson in which I was handsomely entertained. The wharves were in good repair & they employ at Plymouth 12 hundred seamen & the Collector says about 20,000 tons of shipping, chiefly on the fishery, some in the Coasting, West India, & European Markets. No vessels are entered here beyond the Cape of Good Hope unless belonging to the port. The oldest monumental stone in the grave yard shown to me was of William, son of Gov. Bradford who died in 1715, aet. 85, so that he must have been born in 1630. He is mentioned in Prince's Annals, Vol. 1, p. 147, as from his own minutes as born June 17, 1624. The stone may be of later origin & a mistake in the date or age. Of the original estates only three remain among the posterity of the primitive settlers. That of Edw. Winslow is still retained at Marshfield. That of Gov. Bradford at Duxbury & that of Richard Warren, below Plymouth, by the present Gen. Warren who is above 80 years of age. According to Prince, 1 Vol. p. 35 & 177, Richard Warren did not at first bring his family with him & he died in 1628. Much is said of his usefulness & enterprise. The name of Gov. Carver is preserved in a township of Plymouth County, incorporated in 1790. Gov. Bradford's name is in a town upon Merrimac, in Essex, incorp[orated] in 1675 but probably so named from him. Mr. E. Winslow's name is preserved in a town in Kennebeck County, incorporated in 1774. It is on both sides of Kennebeck river near Fort Halifax. Mr. W. Brewster has given his name to the Cluster of Islands at the entrance of Boston Harbour, upon one of which the Light House stands.

Mr. Allerton has also given his name to the point off Nantasket, well known to Mariners. A town in Barnstable C[ounty] was incorporated in 1803 by the name of Brewster. A Town incorporated in Cumberland County in 1785, bears the name of Capt. Standish. These are the six first in Gov. Bradford's list as given by Mr. Prince in his Annals. We were informed that the bones of Gov. Carver were removed from the hill near the landing, called the high Ground, facing the Bay, to the Great Hill on which is now the Town Burying place. I visited both. The spots were pointed out but no monument erected. Gov. Carver died in April, 1621. From this hill the extreme part of Cape Cod is seen in a fair day & the Light House upon Cape Cod in a clear night. I visited Gen. Warren & found him feeble but with his faculties in uncommon strength at his years. His wife is the historian of the Revolution & has this year completed the publication of her History of the American revolution in three Volumes. She was sister of celebrated James Otis, who published the Rights of the Colonies & was active in the beginning of the Controversy between G. B. & the Colonies, & who was deranged in the latter part of life from a blow he received on the head from his Opposers, the Commissioners. Mrs. Warren will [be] able to supply many facts & has taken great pains to preserve such anecdotes as have been furnished from her extensive acquaintance with men & events in the revolution. She displayed to us the early use of her needle & some of the curiosities she had retained. Her son Henry is Collector of the Port & her son James, who lost a leg in the Navy, is Post Master of Plymouth. Madam Warren is nearly 80 years of age. With all the strong passions of a female she has embraced the Republican principles & tho' susceptible of flattery yet she cannot refuse to sacrifice it to the patriotism which she fondly loves.

10. I left Plymouth after breakfast having seen the fine brooks which had such attractions with the first settlers & which passing in deep valleys afford on the banks the best sites for Gardens I ever saw in New England. Some fondness for family gardens prevails & the poverty of the country around is a plea, but nothing had been done to enrich by art the favourite spots of nature. These spots are thrown into the middle of the town to delight every traveller & to display all the taste of the inhabitants & invite pleasure. Upon leaving Plymouth the county looks barren. A few Orchards denote some care to bless the inhabitants. The buildings in general, excepting some lately built, are small & covered with shingles & not clapboards, as are the greater part of the buildings on the road beyond Hanover at North river. In Plymouth we saw two ropewalks, one of which was on piles over the ground which the tide overflowed, & the other in the upper part of the town. We saw no specimens of arts or any proofs of

the flourishing state of any Manufacture. In Kingston a Store by Mr. Beals had the appearance of prosperity. The Meeting House was furnished with a front pediment & two Cupolas. But just beyond was an unfinished Baptist Meeting house encouraged by Mr. Beals who is from Hingham & has much independence but not information. The ministers have injured themselves by their favour to Aristocracy & the Sects know how to profit from it. We were entertained at Duxborough, at the Inn, by Mrs. Loring who has a Son at Providence College. In Hanover, at Curtis's we found [in] the Wife, who also attends the Tavern, the same disposition to enquire into every thing which concerned the traveller. At both houses, the wives attended our horse without any scruple. We reached Quincy to dine & at Newcomb's had common fare, but not such as we might expect so near the seat of President Adams. It was a Teamster's Inn, & we were received with good dispositions. We passed over the Turnpikes & passed the Stone Church in Boston, while the procession at the funeral of Secretary Avery were in the Church with the Legislature. We hastened on & reached Lynn Hotel kept by Ward, & there took coffee. At 10 in the evening we reached Salem. The distance from Plymouth to Salem over the Turnpikes was 50 miles. The g[rand] d[ughter] of my Landlady C[rowninshield] who is my pupil, was with me. Nothing occurred in the whole journey which could have a tendency to diminish the pleasure of future recollection or of instant enjoyment.

11. The interesting business of the election of Gov[ernor] has terminated. After much labour deficient returns were shewn, whether fairly or not, is a question. Gov. Strong is appointed & L. Gov. Heath has resigned. His majority was so large that frauds in the returns were impracticable. But still the strength of the Legislature is in the true interest of the country. A Struggle for liberty is deserved if it give the soul only one breath more of the free air in which it lives. There is no life in a Slave.

13. Our Legislature still in session. All the Notaries of Salem have been changed & the Legislature still continue firm. A council has been chosen & among the members are my class-mate Dr. [Daniel] Kilham of Wenham. He will be thus drawn from that obscurity in which he has long continued. He is a firm man but obstinate. Disputes readily & enquires freely.

14. Mr. Pickman, last year a Councillor of the State, has advertised his estates in Salem, to remove to Boston. Since the death of the great Merchant E. H. Derby, his father in law, the descendants have been removing to Boston. The youngest son Richard, has been gone for some time & the daughter who married a Prince. The eldest daughter, who is seeking a divorce from her husband West, threatens to follow the same example. The family have lost their influence in the loss of their Father. Gen. [Wil-



BENJAMIN PICKMAN.

Merchant of Salem and Member of Congress. From the portrait in possession of the Essex Institute.

liam] Heath, who had been a Republican Candidate for the office of L. Gov., did not please to accept in the present situation of our affairs, but he declares in the most express manner that he now sees his country under a wise & prudent administration of the general government, respected abroad & prosperous at home. Gov. Strong has accepted without hesitation.

15. Sunday. Notes. Nicholas Lane & wife, d. of his Sister Witham at Sandy Bay, Gloucester. Grace Bartlet, d. of her husband, pr. with her children. Mary Smith, d. of her husband, pr. with her children. Hannah Turner with her Brother, d. of their Brother Smith, pr. for Husband at sea. Daniel McGowen, d. of his brother E. Smith. The discourses of this day were directed to counteract the powerful influence of superstition in poverty, the expected eclipse of tomorrow into a cause of alarm, & of distress. Never were more arts employed among contending religionists to find out & seize every weakness of human nature. We have double duty from the competitions which multiply among the sects. The general influence of the clergy having been in favour of an establishment, many of the republicans unfriendly to the sects have beheld at least with indifference their growing strength, as a balance to the influence which some men had obtained. Everywhere therefore I heard of dissensions. Among the illiterate employed to begin strife would be some wicked. A deacon, travelling from Bridgewater, after multiplying the species, lately hung himself. But these things do not check error. He was an hypocrite & there it ends.

16. All attention was directed to the Eclipse of the Sun. I am sorry to say that without a regulated clock or any other preparation I was a mere gazer on the Sun during this singular phenomenon. It did not begin as early by 10 minutes as the calculation, according as the clocks then stood in town, & the clocks were in the same state in Boston. Nothing in common took place till the total observation. Then the disk of the sun was completely covered but an irradiation was like a glory around. A few stars appeared & Venus was visible throughout. The stars seen were near the sun, excepting one planet in the east far above the horizon. As soon as the total eclipse begun, the horizon lighted up around above twenty degrees as bright as the twilight ever appears so that the obscuration was not beyond the degree in which an atmosphere is darkened by thick vapour or heavy rain & by no means in the degree of the dark day. The return of light was instant upon the passing off of the moon & the return of light put an end to every thing wonderful to the sight in this event.

17. Whitley in the Leander, again upon our coast. This day with H[annah] C[rowninshield], H[annah] H[odges] & M[ary] W[illiams] went to Spring Pond. We took few fish. Dined at Wid. Shillaber's upon what we had provided. Visited the Hill

with bald rock back of Brown's pond. We passed up by Widgeon spring & then took a path to a Cross wall & then passed up to the summit. The dog pond rocks were higher than where we stood & obstructed our western prospect. From Chelsea, at Hog Island, we had a free horizon till we touched the Mainland of Cape Ann. Boston light house & bay, Lynn & Nahant, & Baker's Island were in full view. We passed downward more directly towards the old Boston road, crossing the brook which goes out of Brown's pond, after leaving Galusha's field, the best land in this quarter & laying back of Brown's pond. We then passed south of the trembling meadow on the pond & came out by Browne's house. Our next walk was to the brook called Butt brook from Spring pond. We visited several passes at which the Alewives are taken & then Brown's Spring in the band of Brown's land, then visited the two springs of the Aqueduct but in neither of the reservoirs were two feet of water. We then returned & took Coffee at Shillaber's & reached Salem about sundown. We took a few fish in Spring pond but were not very attentive to fishing. No boat was in the pond & only a small & leaky one in Brown's. The young girls amused themselves in collecting flowers & the day finished without any interruption. I had never before been upon the heights which I this time visited.

18. This day was the Captains training. The Light Infantry appeared. Salem has nothing to boast in this Militia which belongs to Military character. The good appearance and good behaviour of its citizens is admired. The military officers are changed often & it takes but a short time to rise from a corporal to a Colonel. This gives no offence, as no man covets the honours, no man chuses the expence & no man contemplates a great change of condition. Capt. [George] Dean is a new Colonel,* but has not yet appeared. Several majors are in nomination. To none of them does anything military attach itself. The Light Infantry are happy in their uniform, active & instant in their movements, but by no means severe in their military discipline. The Cadets & Artillery did not appear this day.

19. The newly appointed notaries public are Major John Saunders, John Punchard, Levi Maxcy & John Dodge, for Salem. We find our Bay infested with British privateers or vessels of war & that we have everything to apprehend from the rapacity of British Cruisers. We have information still that the late Commercial restrictions have not been approved in England, that a spirited investigation has ensued & that it has been encouraged by the present ministers.

21. The permanent salary of the Judges has obtained & Mr. [Joseph] Story, a republican member & young lawyer from Salem, assisted in it. This is what a federal Legislature could not ac-

*He relinquished the honor in favor of Capt. Samuel Archer, the senior captain.

comply in six years. The Republican has done without delay & the Federalists give them the credit of it.

24. This day was buried our old Servant Mingo, known by the name of Robert Freeman. He belonged to the African Society. Was a large, well proportioned man & of great note among his colour. Capt. Jacob C[rowninshield] brought him into America & held him his servant till the revolution. This is the first funeral in which the members of the African Society appeared with their music. The procession was long & everything well conducted.

25. This day I went to Nahant. The air became cool in the afternoon. A large company was upon the Great Nahant. I rode by the beaches & found the road over the sands at Philips repaired & for the first time tolerable.

27. Among the preparations for the 4 of July, is a Military celebration in which the Officers of the Brigade are to join in Salem. This has been thought to be the best effort to divide the Republicans & give the splendour of the day to the opposition who can unite with this military parade in the Oration of the day.

28. The opposition in Salem has [had] repeated consultations on the subject of a special oration but from the excuses of some, & the objections to others, the purpose was at length abandoned. The conversation then took a mere pacific turn upon the subject of Union. Thus the success in the state, in the moment of joy, has disarmed the vengeance which has been threatened, &c.

29. Sunday. [Notes] Wid. Mary Waters, & children, for her dang. sick, in a weak & low state. John Strout & wife, d. of her Sister. Rebecca Trip, d. of her Brother, pr. for husband at Sea.

30. Went with Mr. Ward for Hingham, agreeably to a deputation consented to in the Second Church in the past week. We reached Weymouth & as it was dark we stopped & lodged at Rice's. We found good accomodations & had the conversation upon the subject of the intended Ordination.

July 1 [1806]. We reached Hawkes Fearing, Innholder, before 9 a. m. the time for the meeting of the Council. The Council assembled after dinner & consisted of four Churches, from Middleborough, Plympton, Tewkesbury & Salem. The opposition appeared & the Council continued its sitting till 10 P. M. Then adjourned till 6 next morning.

2. At the adjournment the hearing continued till after 10 & the Opposition having no more to offer & Dr. Morse not having appeared, upon whom they depended for their evidence, the Committees were dismissed, the Council prepared a result, having enquired of the Candidate, & proceeded to the Ordination. The Sermon was delivered by myself, as Mr. Foster of Littleton, who had agreed to preach it, did not appear. Mr. Barker of Middleborough, now member of Congress, gave the charge & Mr. Briggs

of Plympton gave the right hand. All of us prayed in turn. The assembly was large the music good, & the audience silent & orderly.

3. We returned to Salem, fatigued. The past scene had presented many things to mortify & disgust. It was apparent that the political divisions of our country were at the foundation of all the difficulties which distress the Town of Hingham. Upon my return I had notices from Mr. Crowninshield of the preparation for 4 July anniversary.

4. The Day was welcomed by the discharge of Cannon. The Military Independent Company, the Beverly independent Company, & the Artillery were under arms. The Cadets escorted the Republicans to the Branch Church which was handsomely decorated, & a prayer, the reading of the Dec[laration] of Independence & Mr. H. A. S. Dearborn's Oration, with Old Hundred in an accomodated Psalm from Dr. Watts, Odes & instrumental music formed the entertainment. Then part of the Company with a volunteer Corps under Capt. Ropes, retired to Liberty Hill in North Fields, & the Cadets escorted the other part to Webb's at Horton's Point. The military corps dined on Washington Square in a marquee & tents prepared & the Cadets at the New Inn* in Essex Street, above Court Street. The day ended without any accident to interrupt its joys.

6. Sunday. [Note] Mary Waters, Wid., dang. sick. Mr. Joseph Richardson, ordained last Wednesday at Hingham, was with us this day but did not preach. He attended at our Communion.

7. Two Tiger† from Surat, about one year old. They have all the character of the Great Tyger given by Buffon & classed by him with the Royal. They measure already between 6 & 7 feet in length & above 2 feet in height. It is said they were sold for the purpose of exhibiting them at 2,500 Dollars. Mr. Upton sen. has enriched the collection [at the East India Museum] by bringing from the Spanish Main and from port of Leguira, the Mexican Hog.

10. We had refreshing showers. Great complaints are made of the changes in our Atmosphere & of the violent effects. Whether these arise from the disposition to complain, or uncommon facts, may be doubted. Such means of information abound & domestic articles are so much better received that we may presume that we are better informed rather than differently treated in the present state of our country. A barn was burnt by lightning in the Thunder Storm of last Tuesday at Cape Ann in the town.

11. We have the intelligence that Capt. Rhuee in a ship‡ be-

*Cromble's Tavern, formerly the Lee house, the sign of the Ship.

†They were exhibited at Cromble's Tavern—admission 25 cents.

‡Ship Two Sons, loaded with coffee, loss \$40,000.

longing to the Crowninshields, struck upon the Rocks on the Coast of France & lost Ship & Cargo entirely. The amount great. A son of Dr. Osgood of this Town, having conducted a voyage to the East Indies with little success & having been carried into England, put an end to his life by opium* & has left at Salem, a wife & children. He had been an Apothecary in Salem, but to me unknown.

12. Another victim of intemperance. This is the third in about a month. Young married men with the best prospects. One deceived by prosperity, another led by business into retailing houses, & another by example near him. All with good connections. Taken with convulsions & being comatose about three days & expiring. Cases nearly similar in the excesses & in the consequences.

13. Sunday. [Notes] Wid. Mary Mascoll, d. of her Sister Waters. She a Dean. Elizabeth French, d. of her husband, pr. for brother at sea. A toast at Lynn has implied that the third article in the Constitution of Mass. came from Rome & ought speedily to be returned. This has occasioned some alarm & several scribbles on the subject. Nothing has yet been said from Lynn. Mr. Barker from Middleborough, & Mr. Briggs of Plympton, who took an active part with me at Hingham, were distinguished by their services at Halifax, Plymouth Co. on the 4 of July. Mr. Barker gave the Oration & Mr. Briggs the devotional exercises. Serious difficulties at Chebacco. Mr. [Josiah] Webster who succeeded Mr. [John] Cleveland, without his fire, has not secured warm affections. The sects have intruded. He has asked more salary & a Council has been held & a seperation is expected. A Mr. [Nathaniel] Stone, keeping School in Salem, has performed two Sundays.

15. By engagement I went for Mess. Joshua & Thomas Balch's, Topsfield, 8 miles from Salem. They have supplied our family with the produce of their farm. The house, which has no claim to notice but from its situation, is on the N. E. bank of the Ipswich river & at the bend of the river so as most agreeably to exhibit the river in its course. The approach to the river is quick & free from any sediment. We fished with good success taking perch, shiners, breams, pout &c. The cove or shallows at the bend of the river was rich with the pond lilies, which H[annah] C[rowninshield] & H[annah] H[odges] took with great pleasure. The farm of the Two Brothers is about 100 acres. It was in good order, with a young orchard, good grass, & well fenced. After a frugal repast we visited the turnpike & rode 8 miles from the Toll House on Topsfield Hill to the Hotel at Lynnfield, kept by Mr. Lefevre. We had an opportunity of visiting Humphries pond which is now accommodated with a large flat bottomed boat. We found several

*Joseph Osgood, jr. supercargo of the ship George Washington.

parties at this place & one party of neighbours from Salem. We had every attention we could ask & after tea returned to Salem by the road from Newhall to the Butt brook in Old Boston road. We reached Salem just as a shower descended. The Hotel is well furnished with an Ice house. The main building is square & furnishes three good rooms on the lower floor excepting the bar room. The conveniences of the Outhouses are numerous. I did not pass into the upper parts of the House. The distance from Salem & the retirement & goodness of the Road combine such advantages as appear adapted to give a preference to a Good House in this situation.

18. Yesterday, towards sundown, a black cloud appeared in the North & seemed to advance slowly. The wind stood at S.W. while the cloud rested upon Beverly & did not change till a small shower fell from the cloud in the north. The wind did not change till the shower came. At Beverly, the wind blew furiously. It blew down trees, unroofed buildings & drove several planks from Essex Bridge that were trummeled on the floor of the Bridge. We felt vastly uncommon on this side of the river. A house belonging to S. Allen, was burnt by accident at Manchester, 13 July. The season has been dry in some places but of very unequal temperature through the country. Some enquiries are made whether these are not unusual events, leading to expectations of changes in our climate which were expected from extensive settlements.

20. Sunday. Notes. Joanna Webb, d. of her husband, pr. for Brethren at Sea. John Webb, wife & children, d. of son Henry, pr. for two sons at sea. Mansfield Burrill & wife & Children, d. of his son in law Henry Webb. These are from two of our most antient families in New England.

22. The account of the Tornado at Beverly, which has reached us, is that [a] Cloud passed eastward extending from the Bridge to Beverly Meeting House & beginning on the E. side of Bass river extending above half a mile. It was violent. It injured the roof of the Meeting House, blew 4 Chimnies from Chapman's three story house near the Meeting House, unroofed Herrick's house, blew down the boarded frame of Odlin's house, besides other small buildings, & ripped up planks on the bridge. It touched Salem side only at the extreme point, & burst in one window of the Hospital. The wind & rain did not continue above 5 minutes. A vessel in the bay had a new sail torn to pieces in an instant.* No great losses.

23. Upon the decay of Forest River Bridge an old agreement of 1681 has been produced in which Marblehead agree to part of the repairs. But as it has laid dormant above a century, Marblehead question the obligation. A town meeting is to be held on the subject. It is to be wished that the line was differently run

*Ship George Washington, 35 days from Falmouth, Eng.

with Marblehead. Mr. Prince assures me that Marblehead will petition for Marblehead rock, eastern rock of Cat Island, & Tinker's & Ram island. He says the complaint of want of land marks is universal. He has planted a poplar on Marblehead rock having found a depth of soil in a spot of 5 feet. Eastern rock of Cat Island admits trees also & three have been planted. Tinker's Island is washing away as the shores are much used for ballasting vessels of Salem and Marblehead.

24. This day went to Nahant with H[annah] C[rowninshield] & M[ary] Williams. We found 50 carriages on the Nahant, chiefly from Boston. The British Consul was with one party. The fishing was excellent. Revd. Gardiner of Boston, again at the Nahant. The increasing number which visits this healthy spot for the sea air in summer will oblige more buildings.

25. Our neighbours who went to Bartlet's beach, Philips, this day were not so happy as ourselves. By wild sport a carriage was upset by which a Mrs. Tucker had her arm broken & much bruised. The love of riding evidently increases. One family from my society has been to Portland. Another Company, to the Locks on the Merrimac, another to Newport & another to New York & Albany. All these tours have been made since the beginning of July. This is a great change in Salem. The principal amusements formerly were in water parties among the Islands, few ever travelling except for business.

27. Sunday. Retire Becket & wife, d. of his eldest daughter. We learn from the Salem Gazette of 25 instant that Application was made to the S[outh] Church in Ipswich under Dr. Dana, by letters from two members, for dismission to the Baptist Church. A Committee reported against granting the request & requested Dr. Dana to answer the questions of the applicants. This was done in a sermon 22 June, & is to be printed by subscription. It is to be wondered that Dr. D. labouring as he does under public censure should force himself into this controversy in which he is sure to suffer. If the Baptists refuse our communion let us not follow their example. The disputes at Chebacco ultimately ending upon subject of salary. Mr. [Josiah] Webster has resigned & is preaching at Haverhill, vacated by the removal of Mr. [Abiel] Abbott to Beverly. The tower of the Tabernacle church is raised & the cupola is to be raised this week. A bell will then be added. Mr. Worcester of the Tabernacle & Emerson of the S[outh] Church take an active part against the Baptists. I am informed that the Salem Association have adopted some agreement but I have not been present at that association, since the introduction of Mr. Worcester, &c. It is enough to have private enmities. Perhaps I have been injured by reading Wieland's Proteus. I love principles but hate fanaticism.

August 1 [1806]. The Marblehead Committee question their

obligation to repair the upper Forest river Bridge in virtue of an agreement of 1685 [*sic*], which has been overlooked from that time to the present. The fact is the bridge is in Salem, & upon an examination of the line a very expensive road is thrown upon Marblehead, which Salem has continued to repair. The Marblehead people ask Salem when they were incorporated & they have no records to show it.

3. Sunday. From being great friends to Mr. Webster at Chebacco, Ipswich, upon his resignation they have threatened to sue him for his settlement. This is a question not yet decided whether any seperation would be a forfeiture of a payment made in the manner of a donation to begin life.

4. This day a most melancholy event happened in Boston. Mr. B[enjamin] Austin, who is at the head of the Republicans, & who has openly opposed the influence of the Lawyers in this Commonwealth, had a dispute with a young Lawyer Selfridge on the subject of the settlement for the dinner on 4 July. In consequence the young Lawyer published in the gazette of this day that said Austin was unworthy of all credit & requested all the printers to reprint the notification. Upon a meeting between this Lawyer & the Son of said Austin, who was to graduate at Cambridge this month, said Lawyer took a pistol from his pocket & killed the son upon the spot in Court street in open day. A is much exasperated but no expectation of the punishment of the public ferment said Lawyer was committed. The public mind is much exasperated but no expectation of the punishment of the offender exists. Thus Law & Justice remain, &c.

6. Spent the afternoon at Wright's on Marblehead farms, where I spent a day with a larger party last year. The tide was not favourable to fishery but the walk & the water were agreeable. H[annah] Hodges went with me. The funeral of Mr. Austin was attended by a great number of persons. Many went from Salem. No hopes of Justice entertained.

9. Died in Danvers, near Salem, on his farm, N[athaniel] Ropes, a Son of Judge Ropes, æt. 47. He lived long a single life & then married a d[aughter] of Dr. R. Putnam & afterwards a Cleveland. He was one of the many victims to intemperance & died under strong convulsions. He has left 3 children by his first wife & a good estate. He was saving. Intox. in the cheapest form. The manners & habits of the family have been entirely different from this & these follies were superinduced upon his solitary & avaritious habits peculiar to himself. He first was a hardware merchant, then became a partner in a Rope walk & afterwards became a letter of money upon bottomry,* pawns, & usury. After the loss of his first wife, he bought a farm on the North road to

*Pledging the ship's bottom, i. e. mortgaging the vessel.

Reading, in the upper part of Danvers, & has lived [there] several years, possessing mills on a small stream near him.

11. Nathan Goodale, Esqr. Clerk of the District Court, who died this month at Newton, was born in Salem & graduated at Cambridge in 1759. He was for some time a School master in Salem, & afterwards a Merchant but not having the greatest success he removed within a few years to Boston and became Clerk of the District Court. He was a man of agreeable address but not without imputations of unchaste life. His general deportment secured him the respect & he lived years next to the Old Meeting House eastward. Benjamin Ward, æt. 82, lived below the Church in St. Peter's Street. He was a Shoemaker & a man of firm habits. In his old age he was among the first to embrace the Doctrine of Universal Salvation which he strenuously maintained till he expired. He bequeathed the lot of land adjoining to his house to be employed for the service of a Universalists Meeting House whenever the sect should be strong enough to erect one. His Mind was unmoved by many solicitations of interest & by all the invectives of prejudice employed against his opinions & his determinations. Yesterday I was on the water with a party for fishing & amusement. We passed out the southern way between grey & black rock beyond Halfway rock, & succeeded in our fishery & then passed between Hardy's rocks & the Pope's head to the Northern part of Moulton's great Misery. We had good winds & enjoyed our fish but were obliged to ply the oars upon our return & reached Salem after ten in the evening. The agreeable manners of Capt. Duval, belonging to the Cape of Good Hope, a Dutchman, now at Salem upon business, induced me to invite him with Monsieur Guillant, a Frenchman from the Carraccas lately, to dine with me, & we spent the time agreeably. The Frenchman abounds in anecdote and Capt. Duval was very agreeable to us.

15. The Ship taken by the English belonging to the Crown-inshields, Ship Concord, R. Ward, Master, has been released. Their Ship commanded by Rhue was a total loss of 80,000 Dollars sunk.

16. A Clock for the gallery of my Meeting House has been proposed. 74 dollars have been obtained. Many have refused & some who objected to a new meeting house, object to the clock because it is for the old one. These Clocks have been used in Boston nearly a Century. The first introduced into Salem was lately introduced to the North Church, Dr. Barnard's.

17. Sunday. Note. Sarah Kehou, delivery, pr. husband & friends at sea.

19. This day died our near neighbour Abigail Watson, wife Mr. John Watson who for 35 years kept a School for common education at the head of Union Street. Mrs. W[atson] was a very

kind neighbor but that strength of prosperity which nothing can resist removed her. This day I was at Nahant with two young girls, H[annah] Hodges & S[arah] Allen.

20. Had another touch of my Gout. I now know my doom & shall not be able to boast with my ancestors of my freedom from Pain. All our family at Andover at the exhibitions in the two Academies in that place. Mr. Watson this day made me a handsome present of 50 D. to assist my plate, besides a Hat & Gloves. Such generous friends prove their sincerity. This week the Register made an advertisement for an Editor. It is time I should have some assistance as I have all the labour & none of the profit. The advertisement shows that a bargain is to be made if possible. And as I have not been consulted I expect that I am to be a weight in the scale, for which the purchaser must account, & for which I may be bound to answer.

21. This day at 2 p. m. Mr. Joseph Traske in his Shallop off the Derby wharf left his boat adrift & directed his son to swim for her but the wind carrying the boat faster than the boy could swim, the father stripped & went into the water & before he could get assistance he was drowned, æt. 47. left a wife & 8 children.

22. Attended the funeral of Mr. Traske drowned, from Creek Court. We have the news that Capt. Strout has again been lost upon his passage through the keys on his voyage to the West Indies. Inexplicable.

23. A subscription obtained to raise 80 dollars for a new clock to be placed on the front gallery of the East Meeting House & yesterday Mr. Baldwin fixed it in its intended place. It is from Willard's Shop & is warranted for 3 years. The Bell* of the Tabernacle, above 12 hund. wt., was for the first time rung in the New Steeple this day.

24. Sunday. Notes. John Watson & children, d. of his wife, pr. for children absent. Wid. Elizabeth Andrew, d. of her sister in law Watson, pr. for chn. absent.

25. This day was the examination of the Public Schools in the Court House. The whole number of Youth was 238. The decent appearance was not without pleasure. The Grammar School gave 16 youth of whom only 3 were capable or prepared for exhibitions. One in Greek & Two in Latin. Mr. Spaulding opened with prayer & delivered an Address. To him the following was addressed. The Committee of the Public Schools in Salem express to you their sincere approbation of the devotional exercises at the annual visitation of the Schools & return thanks with unanimity for the pertinent, fervent & pious address to the youth of the Schools. They believe you happy in

*It was cast in the Paul Revere foundry.

contributing your aid to every useful institution particularly such as has in charge the best education of our children.

27. Commencement at Cambridge. I did not venture as I was afflicted with the Gout. The day comfortable. In Cambridge were 41 A. B. graduates. We are told the company was large. The Gov[ernor] was attended only by private gentlemen without any military escort. We hear only general praise of the performances & no particular notice of the Graduates excepting the splendour of the entertainments. It is said the melancholy fate of young Austin was not forgotten on the occasion. No public information of the state of the New Professors. Bowditch it is said has declined the acceptance of the Mathematical department. Pickering is a Schemer like his Father. No answer will be expected till it can be known whether he can turn it to account.

29. Great preparations in this quarter for a visit to Brunswick to be present at the first Commencement in Maine. A Son of Col. Thorndike in Beverly, is among the Graduates. The report is that the Gov[ernor] not having a visit* in season will not go on. Such is the opinion in circulation but political reasons are assigned. Maine has not been in favor of Gov[ernor] Strong & the Council are not such as his party would chuse for his companions. President Mackeen holds his office in the Bowdoin College. Several ministers & merchants go from this quarter. Commencement on first Wednesday in September, same day with Providence & Williamstown.

30. Young Selfredge, the murderer of Austin, has in the Centinel requested the public not to prejudge his crime. In truth the reputation of this youth makes it difficult for his party to support him. They tremble for him & yet will do all they can for him. He thrust himself into the difficulty. He interfered with the republican dinner. He abused Mr. Austin the Father. He went armed. He called no witness of any abuse. He shot Austin upon exchange.

31. Sunday. Notes. Barnabas Herrick & wife, d. of wife of his son Wm. She a Deland. Thomas Rhue & wife & Br. & Sisters, d. of her Brother Capt. Daniel Archer. D. A. was son of Jona. Archer & died at Liverpool, England. Joshua Oakes & Sister, d. of their Brother Samuel. They from Cohasset. A Brother at Sea. Wid. Margaret Lazelle. She a Swasey, sick. Mary Hithien,† delivery, Husb. at sea. The Bell upon the Tabernacle was hung in this Town last week & is the largest which is now in town. The South Society who hold the most elegant house & steeple will probably surpass us in the weight & tone of the Bell they intend to purchase. Mr. Revere has not yet learnt to give a sweetness & clearness to the tones of his Bells. He has

*Invitation.

†Hitchins.

no ear & perhaps knows nothing of the laws of sound & his excess of copper to ensure the strength of his bells depreciates their value & what is saved in interest is lost in reputation.

September 1 [1806]. Went to Manchester to find John Allen, Brig Alonso, & returned before dinner. Had with me R. Peele, D[oughter] of Wm. Peele.

3. Mr. Bedne, in behalf of his B. in law John Nichols, applied for assistance for him. He is Sexton at the Branch Church & has assisted our Sexton Mr. P[hilip] English during his age & infirmity. The Treasurer B. Ward allowed him 5 D. upon a receipt for a quarter ending May, 1806.

7. Sunday. Notes. Joshua Oakes, Sister sick. Died at Boston last week the Methodist Minister Peter Jayne, æt. 29, who has been lately at Lynn. He published a Sermon on a political subject which interested the Republicans in his favour. He was not publicly educated but maintained a greater decency of public character than most belonging to that rising Sect. An alphabetical Catalogue of Graduates at Cambridge has been published by Joshua Cushing of this Town.

9. About nine it began to rain in short & not plentiful showers. At ten, was a discharge from a Cloud over the center of the Town which gave a very alarming report & the lightning struck at a tall poplar at the bottom of E. H. Derby's Garden, standing at the west end of the Shops which face upon the Water Street near Short Street. These Shops are contrived to be an ornament to the Garden, having their tops almost level with it but inclined to the Garden. The Shops of one story are open to the Street. The Lightning struck & burnt the top of the tree & then the water conducted it to the foot of the tree at the N. W. corner of the Shops. It then displaced the rocks which formed the back of the shop & tore open the corner of the building, breaking the windows near, & of a house near, as well as some windows in the Mansion. The damage is not great but the incident uncommon.

10. This day was a review of the three Independant Companies. But in little towns too many jealousies exist for a kind consent in the military arrangements. The Companies dined apart, marched apart, & performed their evolutions apart. Their respective corps are not full, but in neatness of appearance & military subordination they excelled. A want of precision in their motions discovers a want of discipline.

11. Such are the encroachments of superstition that for the first time since the settlement of Salem, this evening a Bell rang for a Night Meeting. The bell of the tabernacle this evening violated the established rule of the Town & persuasion will not prevent it. Yet we call it an age of Improvement.

12. A third instance of Family murder has occurred this season. The first in South Carolina. A man destroyed his fam-

ily & was executed. The second was at Augusta, Maine. The Man killed his wife & children & himself, one son escaped wounded. The third has occurred in Utica, in which a Woman killed her children & herself. These uncommon atrocities so often repeated & in such detached situations must arise from combined natural & moral causes to be found in the health, opinions, & fears of life, in private condition. In no case have they been separated. Anxious fears have taken strength from religious opinions variously & some want of health has preceded the state of mind. Infidelity appears to have had no part in these violences.

13. Plenty of Cod in the market, taken in the bay yesterday. The market is richly supplied with fruit of every kind usually found here.

14. Sunday. Note. Eliz. Emerton & family, d. of youngest Child, Husb. absent.

Mr. Richardson of Hingham, has succeeded in an exchange with Mr. Norton of Weymouth. Great pains were taken to prevent it. Mr. N[orton] wrote a very pointed letter, we are assured, to the opposition who still persist in their ungenerous designs to interrupt Mr. R's friends. In Mass[achusetts] a dispute appears in the papers with Joel Foster by one Preserved Smith of Mendon, about his Brother. These Foster's have excited much attention. When Joel was one winter at Old Parish Gloucester, he gave no offence but was valued for his discretion. Smith charges him with an ungenerous interference in writing & circulating odious pamphlets. Joel F[oster] is now at East Sudbury.

16. Went to Boston & with Dr. Eliot visited Mr. Welles' Book store in Court street, Boston. This G. is Son of an English Clergyman, who came from England to America & had settled at Brattleborough. He was one of the Tutors of Cambridge till he engaged in this line. At his store I found him opening an importation of German Classical & Critical works from Leiden. I believe this to be the first importation of the kind in America. Books, chiefly of devotion, have been sent from Germany, & whenever any public notice has been given, I have directed enquiries & have always found them rather promises than any thing done upon any regular scale. I never heard of a Classical Collection from that quarter. Indeed I date from this arrival the commencement of a Classical Collection of Books for general sale in the Country. Mr. Nichols collected a few English editions of the antient classics & gave up his business to Mr. Welles. But his books were brought rather by request than by speculation or trade. Mr. Welles has promised me as soon as all the books are open, a Catalogue. Upon my return I found a general gloom upon the family. Our favourite Cat, Tom, from Italy, had died. She was of a squirrel colour & much beloved. The chil-

dren mourned sincerely & the best of us felt the loss of a domestic friend. She had been with us from Italy 6 years. Was large, was agile & had every attention of a child. She had not probably reached the full age of her species. I never saw a proof of more firm attachment to an animal of this kind. Who cannot read the whole doctrine of association in all its power.

17. On different accounts the Female Charitable Society have postponed their Annual Sermon till this day. It is Dr. Prince's turn to preach. The first prayer was by Dr. Bernard, the Sermon was by the Doctor. The assembly was thin & few persons appeared to have stepped out of their way on the occasion. The end then of this Sermon is frustrated as few besides the members do contribute on the occasion. It is the only time at present in which we see all the ministers in public worship together. Contribution, 150D.

19. Mr. Bowditch favoured me with his Chart of Salem. I confess that I was pleased with this proof of reconciliation, but still while I do believe that the world is indebted to his industry, I believe that he has taken too great a share of praise for the work so far as it is now finished. Capt. Gibaut did exhibit the same sized draft, with little variation from what now appears except in the form of the shoals which are not very accurate, & Mr. Bowditch did borrow it & detain it & has not yet returned it to me. I was with Capt. Gibaut in the greater part of his surveys & soundings. Mr. Bowditch never did project a single line in the whole survey. The Endeavours are better marked by the minutes of Capt. Gibaut who had all the talents of an able & accurate surveyor. At my leisure I shall select the documents for comparison. I have all the Islands distinctly surveyed so as to be reduced with the rocks laying round, & not look as upon Bowditch's chart in that uniformity of figure which is far from their true form. So far Mr. B[owditch] confesses to me that he made his Chart from Gibaut's without any new projection & of the same size. That he thinks he has placed the Haste more truly by observation, having a better base than Gibaut on Baker's Island, & better instruments than he could obtain. But the Haste had been measured on the ice. Mr. Bowditch has added some soundings but still it is an unfinished work & the merit & labour was Gibaut's.

20. We begin to have many complaints of nervous fevers but not a great mortality. The uncommon health makes any complaints alarming. Capt. H. Elkins, a worthy man & able Seaman, has left us this day to live in Wenham upon a farm which he has purchased of Mr. Saunders of Salem. The Land indifferent, the House Commodious. Before it was repaired it was the House of Revd. Mr. [Joseph] Swain. It may suit a seaman better, near to convenient ponds for fishing. But our Sea Captains soon find the power of habit draws them into Town again.



NATHANIEL BOWDITCH'S CHART OF SALEM HARBOR, 1806.

21. Sunday. Note. Margaret Lazell, sick, pr. for absent friends. It is a late thing, but quite common, to dedicate Meeting Houses. We shall soon steal the name Churches as we have gowns & organs. The new Meeting in Newbury Old Town, was dedicated by prayer & a sermon on 17 Sept. Mr. Popkin, the Incumbent & formerly of the Federal street Church, Boston, preached on the occasion. Much was said in the Newburyport paper, but we probably shall see the sermon from the press shortly.

23. Capt. H. Elkins having purchased of Mr. T. Saunders the farm formerly belonging to Revd. Swain in Wenham, I went to that place to visit him. We surveyed his ground & found that with many convenient buildings, excellent fruit had been planted upon the land which is about 20 acres. I went to my old spot, pleasant pond, but was not very successful in fishing. In an attempt to pass the swamp at the southern end of the pond, we were sadly mired. We approached the pond on the west side, but returned on the east side which we found to be the nearest & most convenient & through Capt. Elkins land. I wish his prospect was better than at Wenham. With my two young females, I returned to Salem after Tea. The conveniences lately attempted upon the New Mills bridge* have made that distance but one mile further than by Beverly bridge & it is free of toll.

24. On Monday last, in the afternoon, I joined a south field party for fishing & amusement from Mr. Mansfield's in consequence of the late marriage of his Daughter. We had every preparation for fishing at Pickering's point, opposite to Beal's cove, alias Throg norton. We spread our Cloths on the grass, & a spring not far from Mr. Osgood's Brick yard supplied good water. We found the shore much indented & crossed by walls so that we returned southward of E. H. Derby House & partly through it by a bridled road. Our Company was large & merry, & happy. We had singing from both sexes & the girls sung as we travelled homewards. The dew had fallen but the glee of all ages was not interrupted by any fear. We spent the evening pleasantly at Mr. Mansfield's. A Master Read,† a real pedagogue, gave us his presence. Seldom does so much freedom combine so much innocence & seldom so many agreeable girls meet together.

26. This week Capt. Endicott brought me some pears from the Old Endicott Tree which tradition & public opinion assigns 176 years of age. It stood without any sensible injury in the violent storm of October, 1804, when some of its younger neighbours fell victims to the fury of the wind. It continues to yield many bushels & I am every year supplied from it to gratify

*The "spite bridge" at Danversport.

†John H. Read, see Bentley's Diary, June 26, 1807.

my friends who are fond of feasting on the fruit of the first settlers & of the first Governour.

27. Mr. Hancock* gave me some account of Steward,† who is now painting portraits for the Government at Boston. He is fond of the touches & succeeds with uncommon effect. He tells Mr. H[ancock], who is a miniature painter, that our dry air will not dry his paintings, but that he has recourse to hurry his work to the use of water upon the floor, to accelerate the effect of heat & to assist him in hastening his work. Mr. Steward is preparing a full length of the three presidents at 600 dollars each. Upon enquiry I find that back of the New paved street‡ on the lot now possessed by Col. Lawrence, formerly Prince's, was the tomb of the Curwin family. That the stones of the monument were sold by R. Ward Esqr. & the bones removed by G. Curwin Esq. to his own tomb on the hill, & that G. Curwin the Minister, was buried in the old town. The monumental stone was taken away by R. Ward & is not at present to be found. Mr. G. Ward assisted me in these enquiries with full success & many testimonies. The first Marsten house was in the Norman street & all the back land formed by Summer, Norman & Washington street was Curwin's field.

28. Sunday. Note. Martha Palfrey, d. of her son B. Gale, recovery of two Sons. Dr. Stillman was with us last week giving his lectures. His activity in the pulpit will never be judged from his printed discourses. Mr. Fisher of the Episcopal Church, removes tomorrow from his Son Crowninshield's Great House at the E. corner of the Common & hires in Essex Street in the most western part of the Town. His Daughter married [Clifford] Crowninshield. The domestic troubles which have ensued & alienations makes this a subject of remark.

October 1 [1806]. We had part of a military exhibition. These exhibitions are required four times a year & as some of them are under their Captains. They are indulged in such subdivisions as to counteract the law in regard to parade.

2. This day was interrupted by a partial training of the Militia without any uniform companies, as tho there were a design as soon as possible to bring Militia into contempt. This contempt is no secret as it was open in the Military oration of Salem last July.

3. The Tunisian Ambassadour after having put to sea put in again at Marblehead. Last week he visited Salem, but had no special attention. No one was disposed to spend much money upon him. At Marblehead he had all the attention they could pay & it is said he expressed that he was much pleased. Almost

*N. Hancock, miniature artist, who arrived in Salem in November, 1805.

†Gilbert Stuart.

‡Essex Street, between Washington and North Streets.

all our rational people have been disgusted by the impertinence, delays, & trifling which he had discovered & confess a reluctance at the useless expence bestowed upon him.

4. The land purchased by Hodges & Nichols for 700D. was sold this week for 2500 D. in two years from the first purchase. The rise of Lands is beyond all expectation. The Lots below Crowninshield's Wharf towards the neck began to be used for Wharves & will soon be covered. They have been in times past of little value. The building of that Wharf has been of great advantage to the neighbourhood.

5. Sunday. Notes. William Crispin, d. of his Mother Lazell, æt. 74. Margaret Swasey, d. of her d. Lazell. She aged 100 years. Samuel Swasey, d. of his Sister Lazell, pr. for absent friends. Last Sunday night a Constable arrested a disorderly person who fled for refuge into the Tabernacle which was then open for a night lecture. This event excited much conversation & created many opinions. It died soon. Mrs. Robie, w. of Thomas Robie Esqr. æt. 65, was d[daughter] of the 3 Simon Bradstreets who were ministers & lineally descended from the last Old Charter Gov[ernor] of the same name. Her husband went with her to Halifax in the war & returned to Salem after the peace. This day from Jer. 25.3, I announced the close of the 23 year of my ministry. In this time I have written 1272 Sermons & preserved the substance of 1066 more, making a total 2338, a proof at least of diligence if nothing else. The Cong[regational] ministry, almost extinct by the progress of the New Lights, are overwhelmed by the Catechistical lectures, conferences, weekly meetings & night lectures of the pretendedly devout. Fanaticism is triumphant.

7. The wind north & atmosphere clear I undertook with H[annah] C[rowninshield] a ride to Wenham to see Mr. Richard Hood of that place. To enrich & extend the ride I passed over Salem Turnpike to Boston beyond the floating bridge & near Flag pond turned into the old Boston road & leaving the old Sluice between Tarbox & Flag pond* eastward of me, I passed through Lynn woods. Tarbox's pond is as long as any of the ponds in this neighbourhood but laying between the hills it is very narrow. A mile above the sluice the road takes a more northerly direction than before after passing Cedar pond which is also long & narrow & foul, the ground being uncleared around it & of considerable elevation & it lays in the direction of the road. About a quarter of a mile before we reached the Hotel we passed into the road from Salem to Lynnfield, over the Butt brook, entering old Boston road at the brook from Spring pond. The whole distance this way to the Hotel was about seven miles. Westward of us as we passed out of the woods into Boston road,

*Sluice and Flax Ponds?

near Newhall's upon the plains, was a little pond called Nell's, of small circumference. North of Bartholomew's pond, which I had visited before, was Dog Pond, which [is] small & north of that Grassy pond which is small & dry in hot seasons. This country has nothing to invite settlements. The only material proofs of human industry were shewn by the huge mass of rocks which have been split in all dimensions for the buildings of Salem. But the habits of these labourers prevent them from being enriched by their labours. From the Hotel we walked to the pond called Humphries & thence to Mr. Mathew Newhall, who formerly kept a Tavern a few rods below the present Hotel. We found him infirm, at 77 years of age, from a debility in his feet by which he has been disabled for many years. His countenance was unusually florid, his voice clear, but he complained much of his memory. I left a few oranges as a testimony of my remembrance & as a present suited to his present condition. We dined early at the hotel & then proceeded on the Newbury Port Turnpike to Topsfield gates & then for a few rods continued on the Danvers road & then more easterly on the left towards Wenham. On the hill the prospect was extensive & delightful. The descent* was too sudden but after the first descent & passing the meadow the road was pleasant. The first house in Wenham was the one we were to visit. Mr. Hood & his wife were the only persons to receive us & they treated us with great hospitality. Their house is northward of the road, of good front & elevation & at a proper distance from the road. After tea we rode onwards towards Wenham Meeting House. At the next house to Mr. Hood we found the road going southerly to Danvers & soon afterwards another through Beverly, so that not a miles difference to Mr. Hood's can be made on travelling to Salem by Danvers New Mills Bridge over Northfield bridges, or through the Upper Parish of Beverly, westward of Wenham pond or by Wenham, eastward of Wenham pond. Near the Meeting House we reached Capt. Elkins but finding him filled with Company we left the usual compliments & proceeded to Salem. At the Bridge we found that Capt. Thorndike† of Beverly had followed the example of last week at Gloucester & had risen upon his English Captors & had brought them safely into Beverly. Wenham is 8 miles long & about one wide, its greatest length being east & west. Its best lands are the extremities, the middle is very poor. It has two ponds, that called from the name of the Town, between Wenham & Beverly, is large; Pleasant pond is of less extent, on the N. W. part of the Town.

8. The enterprise of our Captured Seamen in recovering their

*Grass hill, in Topsfield.

†Capt. Luke Thorndike in the schooner Two Sisters, captured on the west coast of Porto Rico by the British frigate Fishguard. Four days afterwards with the assistance of the mate he retook the schooner from the prize crew.

Vessels is a subject of congratulation. Notice has been taken of the Plum Island Turnpike, the greatest & best use of which is to render that dangerous sand accessible at all seasons especially as shipwrecks happen upon it frequently. We are assured that nearly 90D. a week for a month past have been received at the Bridge from persons visiting the new House of Entertainment on the island. This is a proof of the public concurrence in the benevolent design & that even our most zealous fanatics are caught by the bait of pleasure.

10. Yesterday afternoon was the Musical Exhibition of Mr. [Samuel] Holyoke in the New South Meeting House. Its first motive was to relieve a man who had been indefatigable in assisting Church Music & had been disappointed in his many publications. He has laboured much but without a friendly genius, tho with greater science than has commonly fallen to the possession of Instructors in Music in our Country. Charity led to encourage the contribution from the public, but Genius did not preside at the exhibition. The Salem band performed the principal parts. Many performers from friendship stepped in. Mr. Kimball, who has less skill in composition but better talents in execution than Holyoke, was urged to assist. Farmington was from Andover, Mann from Worcester did not assist. A few performers of Salem took this opportunity to display their powers on the Flute & from them all Holyoke obtained his end a musical exhibition which all present paid for & none dared to blame because they must blame their own friends. The house was not filled & tickets were at 1-4 D. I went & paid for 2 tickets.

11. Observing Mr. Brown on the Neck farm pulling up his potatoes I observed they were filled with worms from an inch to half an inch in length. They were yellow, with a black head & feet. As soon as the potatoes were taken from the ground they attempted to leave it & came out of their holes from 12 to 20 upon one potatoe. I carried them home, found them very active & that they lived for some time in spirits. Browne said he had never seen the like. The ground was near the outer western wall, was cleared of stones & planted for the first time in the memory of the present generation. It was at the foot of the hill. The land low, clayey & very wet. The plants were all near & on the eastern side of the wall.

12. Sunday. Notes. Mary Silver, d. of Child, Husb. & friends at sea. As the Old Church Book* has been required, tho' a deposit from Gen. Fiske, a vindication of the detention is to be formed from the history. It is itself a computation from an older book destroyed by Vote. It is the Book against which the charge of forgery was brought or false entry. It was lent by the Pastor to the church to be copied at discretion. That copy has

*Earliest book of records of the First Church, Salem.

been transferred to another church by the Son of the transcriber Mr. Bernard.* This book was held during the controversy which was the first Church & for entries in a Church different from that which claims to be the first church, and as many as a division took place, as many old families remained in the second church as in any portion of what was antiently the first church.

Last Wednesday, Oct. 8, was an ordination at the first church in Ipswich of a Mr. [David Tenney] Kimball. The Sermon was from Mr. Allen of Bradford. No ministers from Salem officiated or, as I learn, were in the Council. On the next day was a dedication of the new Meeting at Gloucester by the Universalists or Rellyites. Mr. Murray laid the foundation of the sect as early as 1776, & they erected a small building for public worship. About 10 years afterwards Mr. Murray removed to Boston altogether & the congregation in Cape Ann depended upon occasional supplies till within two years a Mr. Jones has had great favour & has been established among them. They have this year built a new meeting house with a spire & have a bell & all the conveniences of our best houses of worship. The sect contemplates the same success in Salem. At the dedication Mr. Murray prayed & Mr. Jones delivered a sermon. Gloucester was hospitable on the occasion. Chebacco parish, the parish in Ipswich next to Gloucester, remains without a minister since Mr. Webster has left them & will probably suffer much from divisions as the Baptists enter there. Dr. Parker of Harvard, is one of the instances of falling from grace. He was a self taught Physician, probably a quack, & was converted by Stillman. Much was said of his conversion about 1775, & a small house was built for him as a Baptist preacher. A few years ago one Mycall, a printer from Newbury Port, sold a printing press to him in exchange for his valuable House in Harvard, & he went down to Boston as a printer. He then issued a paper called the *Telegraphe*, the parent of the present *Democrat*. The type was worn & the matter vile & the paper was unproductive. He then returned to Harvard & complained bitterly of his bargain. In the meantime one Robinson was established in his parish. But not out of heart, he now displayed the fruits of his second conversion under Mr. Murray, & preached Universal Salvation, in a School House. All these conversions did not make him a wise man or an honest one & after endless lawsuits his friend Mycall pursued him for swindling. He had sold an estate as Mr. Bright, the last purchaser assured me, for a neighbour, & gave no deed. That purchaser sold to Mycall & gave a deed & upon that deed Mycall sold to Bright. Dr. Parker & his first purchaser, a petty fogger, came forward & say there was no first sale, & were cast, & upon an action for

*This transcription is now in the possession of the Essex Institute.

swindling all three have disappeared & judgment has been given against them.

15. Revd. Mr. [William] Jenks with me from Bath. He must have a hobby horse. He is upon the Heraldry of his family. Jenks, Jenkins, Jenkinson, has suggested to him many a name so formed. He considers his family from Wales. He traces himself to Chadwallador the Great. No study is so singular as this in the United States. The Revolution has extinguished even the wish to get money by drawing arms & selling them, as was done in a few instances before the revolutionary war. Mr. Jenks thinks the study may still be of use to us.

16. Ship building continues at the mouth of the Merrimac. They have lately launched 4 Ships, a Bark & 2 Brigs. The Ships about 300 tons each, the other Vessels about 200.

17. Cold down to 40 requires fire upon the hearth for the first time. Our electioneering Campaign for a member of Congress has not commenced. We do not find that zeal in parties which has existed in past times, perhaps from the serious calculations which the apprehensions of peace oblige. Several great features in Boston & the expectations of slow gains upon a peace in Europe & the uncertainty of the leaders what changes elections may make in our administration as well as the great changes in Massachusetts give us a present calm which probably will be soon disturbed. Jacob Crowninshield is our present Candidate.

18. Several late Alarms. In Essex street, a lighted Segar was thrown into a window in an evening & actually put fire to several articles laying on a table. All materials for kindling a fire were found near a central wooden building belonging to Mr. Henfield.

19. Sunday. Notes. Abigail Phippen & children, d. of her d. Sarah, pr. for her husband at sea. Joshua Oakes, the loss of his f[riend]. S[arah] P[hippen] & the recovery of his Sister. Josiah Choate very sick of a fever. Dorothy Williams aged & infirm. We are threatened at Salem with an host of Anabaptists at a Convention for the first time. Some lay missions are then to rid us of part of our population.

21. Viewed the new well upon Mill Hill, South Salem. It had been worked down about 30 feet into a hill above 50 feet at its top from the level of the bed of the River. It was oblong, 20 by 8 feet, & secured in working by frames & braces, but not sufficiently, & the earth forced in at the northern extremity. It had not afforded much water. Was to be stoned 6 feet & covered with rocks & only a space left for the pumps from thence to the surface as in our well.

22. Regimental muster in Salem under Col. S. Archer. The military offices have been accepted with great reluctance, having been held without the military spirit. Col. Archer rose from a Captain, without anything having the least claim to a military

education. He is an adventurous Speculator in Commerce & by an industry commendable has risen from his occupation as a Barber to a Merchant, a course often found in our country in which only the disadvantages of early prejudices are to be seriously lamented. Major [John] Saunders of the Infantry has resigned the command of that Company. The free manner in which Mr. Swett a young lawyer & new Major of the Regiment [controls his men] is sufficient to discover that a settled enmity exists to the substitute for a Standing Army, a Militia. The election of [Joseph] Story, another lawyer of boundless ambition, by the arts of a party, as a Captain this week confirms this belief. It is true that Swett has been justly ridiculed for his inefficient manner by the Boston Reviewer of August last, & Story can promise nothing. Yet when we see the present Colonel & know how he was advanced & how much is said of his intended resignation, we can hardly doubt that the Militia is to be handed over, then regulated, & then degraded. In a free country this subject is handled as Monarchy is, &c, &c. The Cadets are under Capt. Winn. The Light Infantry under Lieut. S. Derby & Artillery under a Brooks. Before the late exhibitions we were told how much praise was to be bestowed.

23. News that the Concord, a Ship belonging to Crowninshield & Sons, was lost off Egg Harbour on the bar. The Schooner [Betsey] from Boston to Machias cast away on our Eastern Shore was brought by some Cape Ann Fishermen into this harbour. The Crew were saved at the place in which the Vessel was on shore. The Hull will be recovered, the Masts were standing.

24. We have news from Newbury Port of the death of the extraordinary man Timothy Dexter. He was a Leather dresser and by economy & industry acquired property which enabled him to adventure in foreign voyages, & he soon became possessed of wealth & soon became one of the most singular oddities, till at last without any guard upon his appetites or his follies he became a victim at 60 years of age. He became known at first by little publications in Newspapers, at first by Mycall of Newbury Port, spelt in his own way & filled with nonsense. At last Carlton of Salem, published at his expence a little pamphlet of a few pages, called a pickle for the knowing ones, which was reprinted at Newbury Port by Blunt. He afterwards had a small full length print of himself & his hairless dog taken by Aiken at N. Port.* The elegant house & gardens belonging to Jona Jackson he bought after his first purchase of N. Tracey's house & before Jackson's house he erected Gigantic figures of men, lions, &c, &c. & on a bold & high arch over the entrance to his yard he placed himself with an inscription that he was the greatest man in the East. In his family he was as excentric as he was extraordinary in his pub-

*See Bentley's Diary, Vol. I, page 391, for another portrait.



THE "LORD" TIMOTHY DEXTER HOUSE, NEWBURYPORT.

lic works. He repeatedly separated from his wife & gave money to prevail on her to return. He has left two children. The daughter married the noted Abraham Bishop, first known at Portsmouth by assisting Ogden in several weak publications against McClintock, & since in Connecticut by his Republican zeal for which he has been rewarded by Government & render himself more respected. He soon dismissed his wife under every debasing epithet. The Son has all his father's vices & none of his virtues or oddities, a disgrace to human nature. In business D[exter] had a shrewdness & sagacity which seemed to be contrasted with his follies, & lay under no imputations of dishonesty. He was bountiful on some occasions. He gave a liberal sum to St. Paul's Church at Newbury Port, & a bell to the Presbyterian Church in the same town under Mr. Bodily, & now under Mr. Giles in High street. He gave a bell also to the New Meeting House in Malden his native place. He held the greater part [of the stock] of the Newbury Port Bridge at Carr's Island over the Merrimac. In opinion he was free, but a most miserable education joined with vanity gave no consistency to his choice of them. Such is the man to whose name is attached the most strange adventures, the most foolish actions, the most excentric appearance.

25. We have news of a second ship from this port cut off by the Malays & Arabs this year. The first was commanded by Capt. J. Carleton & the second* by J. Orne, nephew of W. Orne to whom the Ship belonged. The former success owing to cowardise in the mate, who commanded on board in the absence of the Captain, emboldened an attack in which upon the last ship all on board perished. The Crowninshields have experienced a total loss of four ships since they have been in business. The two on Cape Cod, a few years since, & two this year, one on the Coast of France & the late one on the N. Jersey coast. The loss this year at the lowest estimate given at 100 thousand Dollars. Mr. Orne's ship is reckoned very valuable. The Crowninshields say that they have saved the full value of the lost Ships by not having insurance in the usual manner & by bearing all losses at their own risk.

26. Sunday. Notes. C. C. Bryne & wife, d. of her youngest Brother Capt. Eliphalet Patterson, a Br. at Sea.

28. Tuesday, at the direction of Capt. R. Stone, Chairman, I notified all the Committee of the East Meeting House to meet at my house on the evening of Thursday next & delivered the ticket with my own hand at their houses. Our Tything man, Joseph Joy, has left us & two Gentlemen of our Society took the gallery last Sunday in the afternoon to prevent noise among the Children. Joy is a weak man to whom we were indulgent for his service, the reward not uncommon. Joy's pretence is my speaking

*The Ship Essex.

to the Children in the time of service. It is a little affair but it has shewn more in regard to others, how pertinaciously weak men take sides. How little fire is necessary in light fuel.

29. A warm day. Glass up to 60 & open windows comfortable. The month of October has been uncommonly dry & pleasant. We have been threatened with a Nervous Fever & have been much alarmed but have experienced no great mortality. Among children it has been uncommonly healthy & among persons above the middle of life. The young of both sexes from 20 to 35 have been the greatest sufferers.

30. This evening the East Meeting House Committee with me & a warrant obtained to call a meeting & see whether the Proprietors will erect a new house. Present at the meeting R. Stone, E. Allen, S. Ropes, Jona. Archer, Jona. Andrew, & Mr. B. Ward, Treasurer.

31. The melancholy history of Capt. J. Orne is confirmed. In the Ship Essex, belonging to his Uncle W. Orne, he arrived at Mocha, with 60,000 D. to purchase Coffee, but not succeeding at that port he was advised to go up the Red Sea to Hodeida. In this expedition he took some Arabs on board & was accompanied with the Pirate Ship. By the treachery of these Arabs, he & all his crew were cut off. The Ship was plundered & burnt. The name of the pirate was given, Mahomed Ikle, but the minute circumstances will probably be explained at a future time. This worthy youth, the commander of the Essex, was Son of the late Joseph Orne, a distinguished Physician, poet, & wit of Salem, to whose patronage at an early period I was indebted, upon my first settlement in Salem, in trying times. It is said of his Uncle, that upon the news, he observed, well, the Ship is insured. Is it possible?

November 1 [1806]. Last evening the Caucus of the friends of the Hon. Jacob Crowninshield. No opposition has yet appeared in the Essex south district but great caution is employed not to suffer from any secret artifice of which no hint has been obtained. No doubts have existed respecting the designs to have a Candidate in this district for the next Congress.

2. Sunday. [Notes]. Sarah Choate, d. of her husband, she sick of a fever. Mary Hutchinson, d. of her Son in Law Choate, & pr. for g. Children at Sea. At a late meeting of Schoolmasters in Cheshire, N. H., the first I ever heard of in N. E., a Society was formed & they agreed to commend Kneeland's Definition & his Child's Spelling book, Staniford's Art of Reading, & Hubbard's Geography. None of these wonderful works had I heard of before tho' not inattentive to the Ephemera of my own times. I never yet saw the man who professed to have seen a List of the new School books. Every master of a town School feels priviledged to print his own Books & they are of worth accordingly.

Woodward at Philadelphia promises to reprint Buch's Theological Dictionary. Hannah Adams has given us a history of all religions, & De la Croix's Dictionary of all religions has real merit. But if we are to judge of the Dictionary by the emendations in the Theological department of the Ph. Ed. of Ree's Encyclopedia, we have reason to expect a most contemptible effort of bigotry & indiscretion. Next to School books are Singing Books with this circumstance that many new editions of Singing Books have a new name even from the same author. We are now told of the Bridgewater & Norfolk Collections. For Mr. Ebeling, at his request, I attempted to collect from Mr. Holyoke, who stands among the foremost, a list of such Singing Books as he knew. The list was at first a large one & the additions have been so great that I have given over all thoughts of completing it.

4. Went in the stage to Boston to provide for the recovery of some books left in the Custom House at New Bedford. The intercourse is so small that above a month the Books have laid, tho' a stage passes continually. In Boston they have heard from Revd. Buckminster who has passed to Switzerland from England. Thacher he has left in England. B. has his salary continued & T. travels by a subscription of some friends of his Father in the Brattle st. Church. Mr. Hazlitt from Wales, has written to his friends & asks us to subscribe for 2 vol[umes] of his Sermons. His letters are addressed to Dr. Lathrop. It is expected that the new West Meeting House will be opened on the next Thanksgiving Day, 27 Nov. We are now sure of the election of Mr. Crowninshield, Seaver, & Varnum for the next Congress. The intention to oppose a Candidate to Mr. Crowninshield was an entire secret till Sunday the Day before the Election.

7. A Mr. Blythe* who was a native of Salem, self-taught, & who has been abroad as a Dr. in the West Indies, lately returned to Salem, & opened a School for young Ladies. He is a married man. He has repeatedly complained of ill success, which he by no means imputes to his want of talents. He has encouraged Mr. Poole, a good journeyman Printer to publish the Visitant, but it has not had uncommon success or fame & now in partnership they have issued proposals for a newspaper to be called the Friend. It is to observe a most sacred impartiality which they have most solemnly promised. As enjoyed for the Register, which has much labour & no profit, I can leave the public to decide upon the value of this wonderful undertaking.

8. It is announced that the case of West & West is to come in on Tuesday if not settled by the parties. He is a Son of an honest Citizen & Master of a Vessel, & She the eldest daughter of the late E. H. Derby. She fell in love with this man wonder-

*Stephen C. Blythe who changed his name the next year to Blyden. He afterwards became a Roman Catholic and removed to Boucherville, Canada.

fully, & has now as wonderfully eloped, & sued for a divorce. The weakness, to say nothing else betrayed on the occasion, is indeed without a parallel in my times. The public know not which to give pity or contempt.

9. Sunday. A most pleasant morning, we could open our windows without inconvenience & the Sun was bright & cheering. Note. Wid. Rebecca Patterson, d. of her two G. Sons, & pr. for G. sons at sea. Last week the Society for propagating the Gospel had a Sermon delivered to them from Dr. Barnard of Salem. Contribution voluntary for the funds. Wrote to Mr. R[ichardson] of Hingham, vindicating the conduct of the Council in the exclusion of an exparte Council by the Seceders & justifying such part of my own conduct as had been censured in the report of the seceding Committee to the Seceders. I received one dozen copies of the Ordination Sermon which has at length been printed. The House of worship for the Seceders is begun, but their numbers do not increase, as Mr. R[ichardson] assures me.

11. This day began the hearing of the case of West & West before the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court in Salem plea of divorce. Capt. Nathaniel West is descended from W. West an honest citizen, by his wife who was a daughter of Deacon Beckford, who lived to a great age. He was an enterprising seaman with no uncommon advantages of education or nature, but his ambition led him to address the eldest d[aughter] of the late E. H. Derby, the first merchant in his time. The mother of Elizabeth was a Crowninshield and well known for vanity which she exposed to constant & deserved ridicule. E. possessed the rigid temper of her father, with all the weakness of her mother, & contrary to the will of her father & friends persisted in marrying West. Never could Johnson's words better [be] applied, when a man marries a fortune it is not all he marries. The woman became all that is execrable in women from vanity, caprice, folly, & malignity & after every quarrel with all her relatives she waged open war against her husband & this day, aided by the unfeeling perseverance of her malignant Br[other] Gen. E. H. D[erby] who has a private quarrel to avenge, she displayed in open court, to prove the incontinency of Capt. W[est], all the sweepings of the Brothels of Boston, & all the vile wretches of Salem, Marblehead, Cape Ann, &c. &c. The concourse on the occasion was immense & the alarm great, as no person can be safe in his reputation after such proceedings. The Court adjourned till the next day not having heard the evidence entirely. The Judges present Sedgewick, Sewall, & Parker. The attorney's for the Woman, Putnam & Prescott of Salem & Otis of Boston & for Capt. W[est], Story of Salem & Amory & Dexter of Boston.

12. This day closed the hearing of the evidence. The public

mind begins to be disquiet. Otis declared that the woman would accept security for her children. Gen. D[erby] denied it. This has transferred the public vengeance to this angry & revengeful man, who, without stability, judgment or common sense, has been flattered for his wealth. Such is the great family of D[erby]. Such wealth without education when bred a savage. Never has my mind felt such a tumult, never did it experience such horror. I should not have yielded to such impressions suddenly. For years I have seen the storm gathering. Long have I seen its blackness. But I hoped that the vilest might resent. That time might spend the fury of it & that it might scatter in the regions where it was produced. But the fury was full & overwhelming. All this work was penned in a Book bought for the purpose. Every little article of life that could feed its fury was reserved till the fury could become irresistible. From this long premeditated design, from these infernal materials & with every angry & provoking insinuation to provoke an open expression of vexation, arose the scene in which was displayed the blackness of darkness indiscribable.

13. This day the pleas on the case of West & West were in the S[upreme] J[udicial] Court. Mr. Dexter touched all the tender points with great effect. He contrasted Mr. West's former with his present situation. The base characters of all the witnesses. The shameful pains with which Mrs. W[est] had waded in every filth & the virulence discovered on the whole persecution. Otis replied, but the Court were unmoved. They dined this day with Gen. Derby who conducted the persecution and left no doubt that they had formed a judgment at the expence of Capt. West. The public indignation was roused but the Judges are the Jury.

14. The Court determined the Divorce. No remarks are needed. It was expected, tho reprobated. It is now difficult to say whether the Law obtained especially for this case by Gen. Derby should be in the letter executed. The public reprobate the proceedings so openly that such caution must be employed as will cover the design. The Judges pretend not to put any value upon the rogues employed, they say nothing of suborned witnesses, of the infamous wretches that have been displayed before them. But about the time of the marriage the father of the woman settled for a charge against the Son in Law, continuing his friendship & making his son in law an heir in full. The woman obtained these papers & upon these the Judges proceeded. The Judges dined with Gen. Derby while the Case depended & as he acted for his Sister it was clearly apprehended what must be the event. It is said that the Council upon the subject are to settle the Alimony, as the Court declare they know nothing but the letter of the law, the whole. I think as well of the parties as I do of those who have judged them. It is some relief in re-

flecting on these transactions that all concerned are in the opposition & that no republican is concerned even as a constable.

15. The affair of the Divorce still depending & it is said has been concluded by consent of parties. The wife to have the farm in Danvers & real estate as it is & 3 thousand dollars a year, with trustees for the principal, & the trustees named are the Brother John D[erby] & the Brother in Law B. Pickman. The public judgement now seems to be made up & it is indeed the same among all the Citizens. That the Court laid too much stress upon an affair upon which the Father laid none & which the wife did not resent for 20 years. That the wife has proved herself capable of the utmost malignity, that Gen. D[erby] has contrived a law & aided a malicious prosecution to gratify his enmity to West & to possess & injure his property, & that altho' West is blameworthy, yet, that his behaviour has been so much more honourable than of his opposers that he finds new testimonies of public favour.

16. Sunday. The Snow storm which began yesterday continued through this day with considerable violence. Public worship was thinly attended of course. The Divorce of Salem is a most interesting event as it assembled all the companies of whores & rogues which had established themselves in all the great towns of Massachusetts. In Salem, Joshua Cushing has published the Assembly Sh[orter] Cat[echism], with notes & hymns.

19. It is now given as an opinion that the Court favoured the divorce of West from persuasion of its necessity & the high irritation of both parties & that the Court would not have granted the sum which obtained by consent of parties. Mr. West has persisted that Gen. Derby should handle none of the money. The Court continues here this week & it is expected will return again after one month to settle all business depending completely. We have one supreme & one inferiour Court annually in Salem. In Newburyport one Inferiour & at Ipswich one Superiour, one Inferiour, & two courts of sessions.

20. I went to Danvers at the opening of their New Brick House of Worship. The number of strangers that were present was smaller than I expected. The Singers were numerous & Kimball from Topsfield, was on the tenor, & Farrington of Andover on the bass. Dr. Bernard of Salem made the first prayer, and Mr. ——— of the lower parish in Danvers, the last. Mr. Wadsworth the Incumbent preached. After some bombast & much Orthodoxy he proceeded to give some dates respecting the parish. That it was called Salem Village, that in 1672 they had their first preaching, that S[amuel] Paris was their minister & began the Witchcraft in 1692 & was dismissed in 1696. That a Mr. [Joseph] Green succeeded, & to him Father [Peter] Clark, known by his many writings, who continued 51 years & deceased in 1768. That the preacher succeeded him &

had been above 30 years in the ministry & that the average annual deaths in his ministry were between 11 & 12. The house is commodious & the unanimity great as in 1785 [when] they built their third meeting house which was burnt last year so that four houses have been erected in this parish. At Col. Goodales, I was kindly received & entertained. After dinner I visited with D. Browne, Benjamin Chase, æt. 94. He is a Mulatto of a black father, educated in the Rhea family of Beverly. He possesses a house & land & is a weaver. He preserves an uncommon vigour at his great age & has continued a life of invariable sobriety, honesty, & friendship. He feels he says the disadvantage of his Colour. He has held his pew in the three last meeting houses & was placed with the old men in the most honourable situation at the opening of the house of worship & had his preparations at his table. Mr. Browne & several of his family accompanied me on this visit. Col. Goodale is son of the good farmer I visited several years ago in this parish who is since dead. We returned at sundown.

22. Mr. Ward represents that the arts were better understood in the first generation at Salem than in any succeeding. The first settlers were from old countries & were men of enterprise. In a new Country they had only the necessities of life to provide for. He had a list of them & of their employments in Europe. He was acquainted with those who knew them or most of them. An ingenious Carpenter made rakes, a good mason laid cellar rocks & bricks in clay. A good painter became a glazier of glass windows set in lead. They taught what they practiced not what they knew. A few houses were in better style but even this taste was governed by the general manners & took no bold steps in some original design.

23. Sunday. Notes. Mehitable Byrne, d. of her Brother Capt. W. Patterson, p. for Husband & Brother at Sea. Ruth Endicott, d. of her Brother in law W. Endicott, of the Ship Cincinnatus, drowned at Sumatra. Pr. Husband at sea. The Dedication or Opening of the New Brick Meeting House in Salem Village, now upper Parish in Danvers, induced me to notice the following articles from Salem Records. In 1673, say the Town Records, the Line was run with the Farmers, from the hither end of Endicott plain, and the Line on the great road at Dr. Putnam's at the brook, is at the entrance of the plain as at this day. An Inn & highway to the village provided for in 1681 & provision for catechising children in the Village. In 1689, Vote was taken against the incorporation of the Village. In 1692, the Village unwilling to assist in repairs upon the Town Meeting House as they have one of their own, excused if they will repair their own roads. Dissentions on these subjects. In 1693, allowance for repairs of Village Meeting House. In 1710, the Precinct or lower Parish* in Danvers, petition to be set off as a Parish, land for Meeting House granted, & a Committee from the Gen-

*Now the town of Peabody.

eral Court, & in 1712 for Riall's side to be a parish. From the Church Book it appears in March, 1666, the Farmers made a motion to have a minister or provide one for themselves & it was left for consideration. Upon a consideration, 5 of the neighbours declined & the number not deemed competent & some questions disputed belonged to the Town Meeting. A motion the same year in Bass river, Beverly, for a Church of themselves. In 1680 the Church notified that Mr. Bayley being removed by consent, Mr. Burroughs had come to preach the winter, asking help, &c. [the] Church so far agreed as to make no objection to his preaching & nothing beyond. Noyes ordained in 1683. Church formed & Minister ordained in Marblehead in 1684. So also Chebacco Church & Wise, Pastor, & in 1683, Church in Bradford, Mr. Symmes. In 1686, the Brethren of the Village say that they had heard Mr. Lawson two years & ask leave to proceed to settlement. On November 10, 1689, the Village petition to be a Church by themselves & Mr. Parish was ordained. The petition of the precinct is dated Ap. 2, 1713 for a particular Church. Curwin ord[ained] May 19, 1714. Mr. Peter Clark ordained in the Village, 5 June 1717. Paris was dismissed by Arbitrators according to dates 21 July 1697. Mr. Joseph Green ordained 10 Nov. 1698. Among religious occurrences I note that a female married into my parish or society induced by infirmity & weak friends admitted the frequent visits of a lay exhorter & a relative by marriage. The friend of the husband advised him upon his return to prevent such practices. He interposed his will. After his absence was know this man brought in the minister of the Tabernacle. Another friend brought in his friend the Baptist minister & finally persuaded the Baptist, who gained over his rival, to pray at her funeral, assigned me a place among her relatives in the procession. I did not comply with her wishes but the B[aptist] marched in in triumph.

25. The Supreme Court which met here last week adjourned till December next. I do not recollect a similar adjournment. The plea is from a determination to settle all business depending in the Courts till this time to begin anew under the new Chief Justice.

26. The markets keep up. The weather has long been dark & lowry so that Turkies & Fowls were sold from 9 to 12d. & everything in proportion. The consumption of Geese & Ducks lessens. The winter squash takes the place of pumpkins in the pies we make. A Thanksgiving is not complete without a turkey. It is rare to find any other dishes but such as turkies & fowls afford before the pastry on such days & puddings are much less used than formerly.

27. Thanksgiving in N. H. Mass. Conn. & R. I. In Vermont next week. From the lowry weather, assembly not large & the Contribution 30D less than on last Thanksgiving day. Much of this loss we feel in Capt. B. Hodges. The foul weather prevented much of the folly of the meaner class & prevented much of the excitement to intemperance. In our Music we were assisted by Mr. Hart on the

Claronet & some other persons whom I received at my house but who refused any pecuniary reward for their services. Contribution ab[out] 125D.

29. The Committee of the E[ast] R[eligious] Society with me for the distribution of the Charity. Yesterday the Committee of Appraisement of the Meeting House attended upon the business, E. Bickford, J. Osgood, N. Knight, D. Bancroft, & J. Gardner report 3,300 Dollars.

30. Sunday. Notes. Margaret Allen & children, D. of Daughter in Law, wife of John Allen, she was a Nicholson from Plymouth, pr. for sons at sea. Wid. Margaret Bishop, d. of her only son. Timothy & Sarah Welman, d. of their youngest child.

December 2 [1806]. Capt. N. Silsbee has extended his enquiries respecting my letter from Ebeling, Hamburg. A letter without date & by sea with no visible impression of port of entry has perplexed the business so that I shall desist from importations if with so much trouble. My books from France have laid 3 months in New Bedford, 60 miles from Boston. My merchant in Salem & an agent in Boston, have written. I have written to the Collector & still without my books. Last Sunday, after the long foul weather, 14 Vessels put to sea from this port. They have had very favourable weather. While Salem was under the Greatest Aristocracy in N. E. few men thought & the few directed the many. Now the Aristocracy is gone & the many govern. It is plain it must require considerable time to give common knowledge to the people.

3. This day the adjournment of the Proprietor's meeting to know whether a New Meeting House should be built. Capt. Joseph White objected that he had no notification & at this adjournment most appeared from personal notification. But the question of the right of land has been started & a new adjournment required. I fear the consequences as the smallest prejudices discover I have done little good in my change. Everything has a mercantile & political cast with it.

4. A new thing among us. A Miss Hamilton is to exhibit specimens of reading & reciting & has issued her tickets at $\frac{1}{2}$ a dollar. Dr. Holyoke recollects a man formerly attempting something of this kind in Salem with some success. The weather was not favourable but above 200 persons chiefly young were assembled in the evening in concert hall. She did not excell, but in the pathetic, & had no variety of accent. Her voice when she was not distinctly heard appeared to utter with explosions & she added little of the soul to her pieces. But upon the whole, as reading is or ought to be a part of the rational pleasure of all men in civil society, we cannot refuse any pleasing attempts to improve a pleasure which all should covet & all should enjoy. The pleasure with which the humble crowd round a good reader in their condition & the heavy task most feel when reading intelligibly to others, tell us our duty.

6. While the public have been watching to see how our Courts would relieve Selfridge from the charge of the murder of young Austin in the streets of Boston, we have the melancholy news that a son of Judge Sullivan, æt. 25, had shot himself. The cause is not assigned for this melancholy event. This day my box from Hamburg arrived with the proceeds of my Coffee. The good Professor has furnished me with great economy with some of the best Books which his country has yielded. Upon the[se] occasions I miss much the ready services of my friend Capt. B. Hodges. The kind interference of other friends does not relieve me from some disagreeable cares which were unknown while I had unbounded confidence in him & which might perhaps be honestly relieved from the causes if we loved our new friends as we did our old ones.

7. Sunday. Notes. Asa Brooks & wife, d. of his Brother Seth Brooks, æt. 45. They were a choice band of Brothers who came from Woburn to Salem & they lost from their number their worthy Brother Samuel last year. Seth was a Blacksmith & had acquired a good property & was unmarried. Luke Brooks & wife, d. of his Brother Seth. Widow Elizabeth Brooks, Wid. of Samuel, d. of her Brother Seth, Pr. for friends at Sea.

10. The fate of Selfridge, the murderer of Young Austin, in being indicted only for manslaughter & being at large to fix his own time for his trial, has a very ill effect on the public mind & it is to be feared is operating such secret discontents as may prove serious & extensive evils in our country. This is the common topic of conversation. A negro for murdering a child finds no difficulty in his way to the gallows. As a negro girl told him, Ah, Hardy*, you no Lawyer, you will be hanged certainly.

11. This day furnishes the President's Message. It has been twisted & tortured but it still increases his favours. It is of such a pacific nature & discovers such attention to the tranquillity of the country, that it is hardly read by the common people, who think all safe in his hands. The opposition are content to fasten general censures while nothing serious can be found to promote their ungenerous purposes.

14. Sunday. Our Society have long thought of rebuilding their Meeting House. In 1718, when a house of worship was first erected in the Eastern part of the Town, their numbers were small. As the navigation has increased the population near the deepest water has increased. Col. Turner, who was active at the first building, lived to see wharves erected above him up South river. But Mr. Derby, who introduced a more extensive commerce, made the first movement eastward again & to Richard the Father succeeded E. Hasket, the Son. Since that time the Crowninshields have flourished. In 1793, the first meeting House was enlarged, a New Bell purchased

*A Boston negro who strangled an infant the previous Thanksgiving evening.

& a steeple erected. In 1795, repeated repairs were needed. From various causes & most probably from the power of example a New House is proposed. The jealousy of parties & of business seemed to interfere but it has insensibly lessened till a great majority are for rebuilding. Several meetings have been called since the Annual meeting in September, to see whether the House shall be rebuilt. To appraise the old House, which was done at 3300 D. To see what land shall be purchased. The land on the same square lately purchased by the Crowninshield family from the heirs of Palfrey had been proposed. But some wished the land back of the present house which has not been obtained of the heirs of Revd. Diman. The general inclination is to occupy the same spot & this prejudice has been strengthened by the indiscretion of the heirs of Babbidge who sold the land, that it was for the use of a Meeting House & that a contest would ensue for recovery should the house be removed. Such is the present state of this matter the issue of which cannot be known. When a direct answer is given respecting the land back of the meeting House other steps are to be taken. To shew the state of discipline in our Congregational Churches in Salem, the following facts of last Sunday may contribute. The divorced Mrs. West, as a daughter of E. H. Derby, belonged to our Church & was baptised in 1762. Upon the removal of the family into town she entered into Communion with the first Church & upon the disturbance in her family worshipped & was in communion with the North Church. Since the Divorce, the friends of her Husband objected to Dr. Barnard of the North Church, upon the ground of suborning witnesses, which was shamefully true. With her usual modesty, she appeared in the first church in the first communion after her divorce, in the presence of her former husband, & his friends left the Communion. And these matters are left as yet without any explanation. Such her insensibility. Last week Dr. Prince buried his wife, æt. 51. She was a Bayley of Boston & the alliance was formed while he was an Apprentice to Mr. Flag at the business of a Pewterer. The higher education the Dr. afterwards received did not violate his honour whatever injury it might do to his feelings. But he always said he never courted.

16. The affair of Crowninshields pier on the Union wharf has been agitated in the Supreme Court & opens again by appeal this day in Salem. Whatever was Mr. C's motive in erecting it, the defence is put upon a plea that a Channel navigable by Vessels really passes northerly as well as southerly upon Giggles Island, laying [in] front of Salem. This is a Geographical question which must be answered by fact, and all the old people tell of such a channel. It passed round a point of land which projected above Col. Turner's towards the point of Southfields & entered into the cove laying at the foot of Daniel's street, where he had a building yard, & then along the shore of Giggles Island, leaving the shore of Gig-

gles island eastward at the separation of the Channels. The point has washed away by the current round it just as the land south of Shallop cove opposite to Roach's point, below or eastward of Washington Square, & as all Butt point, leaving what is now called Beverly bar & leaving flats within Ramhorn rocks, as it has in Shallop Cove. I have seen the well on the flats below the land south of Daniels street. The road from Butt point was visible in my day over the perpendicular head of land west of the bar & in Shallop Cove many articles have been found to prove that business had been done in early times where now not four feet of water can be found at the highest tides. The old men, Miles Ward left the history & Mr. Cloutman, who in our times died between 80 & 90, testified that he had actually navigated it as of as great depth on the north as on the south side of Giggle's Island. But little hope is given of success as the subject from party views is treated with contempt.

19. The case of Crowninshield was decided. No proofs of a northern channel were supposed to justify the claims of Crowninshield & his pier is to be removed, by taking another part of 40 feet from the end of it. It is unhappy when a man has influence in any cause from his wealth, who has it not from his virtues & his reputation. The industry & abilities of children may oblige a notice of parents which public opinion may otherwise refuse. Some men oblige prejudices against them from which their friends are always sure to suffer. The north Channel is condemned by Judge Sewall & a Jury, & therefore could not have any existence, Or G[eorge] C[rowninshield] has an interest in the channel which has annihilated it.

21. Sunday. Note. Eunice Richardson, d. of her Br. Putnam's wife in Danvers.

23. The people of Salem wonder to find that an Island had a channel only on one side of it & that they who navigated it were not judges of its existence, but they wonder more that a Court of Justice a few years cut off part of a wharf because it was over the Channel & the same court have now cut off another part because there was no channel. And yet we are not strangers to such transactions.

24. This morning was a terrible fire at Portsmouth, N. H. Four years ago the same place suffered in the same manner. Several stores & dwelling houses were consumed & St. John Church, the Episcopal Church of the town, perished in the conflagration. The loss is reckoned very heavy.

25. This day being Christmas, I went to Boston to hear Mr. Freeman at the Chapel. I found the Church full & an unusual number of Carriages at the door. Many musical performances were introduced & not without effect. The sermon was the Magnificat. He observed that the name Savior was not appropriate & congratulated all men & animals upon the hopes of existence present as well as future. I could not help thinking of Sampson Occom preaching

where art thou Adam, when he asked every class of hearers the question & gave the same answer for them all. The great talents of Mr. F. do not fit him for declamation. After dinner I visited the new West Boston Meeting House. I was pleased with the whole effect but prefer the greatest simplicity for the pulpit. The communion table seems to have no place & that which is best provided for in the established Church is generally worst provided for in our own. I returned to Salem in the evening Stage. The road over the Mill pond has advanced little since I last saw it.

27. The affair of Selfridge has ended. The Grand Jury found it to be no murder & the Supreme Court that it was not manslaughter & he is now at full liberty. We are promised a history of the affair but it adds disquiet to the public mind. A Gallows & Hood were employed to insult the house of Judge Parsons. The friends of Mr. Austin are now to meet their enemies from the press.

28. Sunday. In our East Society steps are taken to rebuild the Meeting House. The Opposition is drawn in the line of political party in which the Federalists appear to be opposers indirectly. They will not consent to become Subscribers but do not refuse to be Purchasers when the house is built. Meetings are frequent on the subject. It is happy the minister is not under consideration & no opposition appears in the town. The notices by the bell in the tabernacle give an unusual notice of the night lectures which multiply. The competitions of the Orthodox require no interference.

31. At the close of the year we find ourselves again at peace with the European powers, tho' negotiations are still open with England & Spain which promise to terminate amicably. Our best hopes arise of an amicable settlement in Louisiana after the many apprehensions of war. The conspiracies of the West still remain upon paper and the evidence undisclosed. Very much has been said but the President's Proclamation will oblige an issue. The reports from the Legislatures of the respective States mark a state of internal prosperity, of increasing population, & of great public conveniences. The States borrow freely from each other their respective improvements & useful institutions & an assimilation of character is the happy consequence. The system of penitentiaries is generally adopted & assist the mildness of our Laws. The subject of the Slave trade is discussed in a manner worthy of a free people. Schools, academies & Colleges are established in every part of the Union & the portions of the respective Constitutions which relate to great questions are not insuperable obstacles to rich improvements & without danger of commotions. The season on the Southern has been more severe than on the northern coast, & our Bay has this year been free from disasters. The fate of young Austin who was killed by Selfridge in an affray in Boston, has employed all the political heat of Massachusetts & is an event which threatens an unfavorable impression on the public mind.

January 1, 1807. Weather still mild & the earth uncovered. Business active in all its branches & our ports not obstructed with ice. Poetry from the press pours in upon us in abundance. Great interest made on the subject of our Fortifications & Congress have taken up the Subject. We commence the year with good hopes.

3. The Court has acquitted Selfridge but many attempts are made to disquiet the public mind on the subject. In this town some important additional provisions have been made against fires in providing ladders, carts, axemen, & to secure an early attendance upon any alarm. Our wooden town excites many a fear.

4. Sunday. [Note] Hannah Rice, d. of her Son Henry, at Sea. Widow of Dr. Mathias Rice. He fell from a yard while doing his duty in the Vessel. She was of Salem, last from Saco.

7. In no town perhaps are 10,000 persons dependant on Commerce & so small a proportion subjects of the public charity as in Salem. In no place does charity perform more secret offices of kindness & in no town does the extensive kindred aid the best purposes of charity more effectually. Few are ruined by expences & the most miserable are from intemperance. Few examples of deformity are to be observed.

9. We had the painful proofs of Sympathy. The death of Austin by Selfridge was considered as the wanton act of political prejudice. The charge of the Chief J.* was supposed adopted to save the guilty from punishment. His release without censure enraged the people of Boston. The offender was hung in effigies & the peace of the town was violated. The example was followed in Charlestown, & then in Marblehead, & this morning was an effigy of Selfridge seen hanging on the Common, & the figure of the Chief J. on the gibbet nailed to the standard, with a label on his breast. Before noon it was cut down by the servants of one Adams. This incensed the people & Adams' house was surrounded, but happily we escaped from that shame of tumult which fell to our neighbors. But the public mind is not easily quieted & more evil is threatened.

10. The deaths in Salem are said to be 200, 101 males, & 99 females. Of Consumptions 40. Marriages 138.

11. Sunday. [Note]. James Kelly her delivery. Child baptised in the Meeting House. Only one child baptised in the Meeting House during the last year. In Salem, the introduction of the Baptists has opened a passage to all the Itinerants of New England. Last week Smith, the Free willer, thought it not amiss to spend some time with us. This has brought some severe invectives from the pulpit by Mr. Bolles, the no willer, & we are told the names were hard indeed. Smith, however, has little success at present as the Arminians are better provided for as preachers & the Baptists are at present in a class of citizens to which they do not belong. The no small stir of the Universalists which Mess. Murray & Jones

*Chief Justice Theophilus Parsons.

at least tried to make had passed over for several months, but this day Mr. Barnes from New Gloucester, one of the Rep[resentative]s from Maine, held forth in Frothingham's hall, Marlborough street. A hearer told me that he held to the atonement as a trinitarian but denied the infinite evil of sin. That he combatted infinite evil as an eternal punishment but left the absolute right to punish some, if not a great deal. The quackery of our country is intolerable. The beginning of a new year has incautiously produced a list of baptisms. The list does not suit the taste of the Orthodox who have the largest congregations but the fewest baptisms. They love to tell few are to be saved, but they hate to hear anything which lessens the congregation. It must provoke many a smile to hear the remarks, but the printer is to confess his error & desist from such a dangerous practice. In other articles it is best to publish when the Orthodox are the highest. The spirit of proselytism is gone out with all the lying wonders & deceiveableness of uprightness. The Rational Congregations have thin galleries. Even hired servants of both sexes, but especially of the females, stipulate for night Lectures when they agree for their wages I do not know a reputable family in town that carries all its servants with them to the public worship. The women as well as the men have their meetings & as in Mother Hutchinson's time not only tell what they hear but attempt to explain, to condemn & reveal such things as these with which their noddle's stored. And with all this not the smallest improvement is made in the public morals. All the arts of business & all the licence of excuse are justified at the lowest standard of public virtue. Such are the facts before our eyes from which we can promise nothing to religion, to manners or the State.

13. The season continues mild & the weather open. The earth is still uncovered. No snow which has yet fallen has lodged one day on the ground. Business is interrupted in none of its channels & the harbour has been free from ice. Some question is made about the claim to Salem Islands on account of a petition from the Marine Society of Marblehead for Cat I. rocks, Mbh rock, Tinker's & Ram Island. Marblehead could take no land without consent of Salem till incorporation in 1667 & then no islands were granted to them. Sent on by Col. Harthorne a reply to the report of the Committee of Opposers from the First Parish in Hingham. It was addressed to Capt. Hawkes Fearing, the Representative from Hingham, & is a refutation of the declaration made by men cruelly to injure Mr. Richardson who has been ordained in that Parish. I asked a copy to be returned.

14. This day the coldest we have yet had, yet becoming more moderate in afternoon with a little snow in the evening. The ice began this day to form for the first time in our harbour. The matter of the effigie has gone over very kindly. The huzzas of the evening of the exhibition finished it. As Mass. laid claims to Wheel-

right's land, as says Robinson on the best authorities, what must have been the conflicting claims of Wheelwright, & Noyes & Parker who were so near to each other & so widely apart in the discipline of Churches?

15. The Seasons uncommon. On 11 Dec. a Snow Storm at Ch[arleston], S. C. with losses. As yet the ground has not been covered with snow & the weather has been moderate. Several cold days but the prevailing cold little below freezing point so that the streets have been wet frequently.

16. We learn from Boston that in the Tremont street Museum* they had been celebrating the fourth anniversary from the fire which destroyed it when near the Common, & by an incautious use of fireworks the building was found, soon after it was left, wrapped in flames. During the conflagration the Walls fell & several persons were crushed to death. I remember the loss of life at a fire upon the north square as early as 1775, when 2 women & 3 children perished in the flames at Boston, in the case of Mowitt & Z. Moulton, whose families were in the same house.

17. Had notice of my designation by the Senate as Preacher this year. I have been run by a party several years successively, but was first put up in the House. At the last choice Col. H[arthorne] assures me that I was surely elected & that by false figures another vote was required & new members introduced. I have not the history of this office. The vote was obtained by 21 to 10. Three other members might have been reckoned on.

18. Sunday. The first snow fell to cover the ground. It fell level & the wind was not felt through the day. A true northern snow to begin the appearance of winter. Elder Elias Smith, the Itinerant Freewill Baptist & Pamphleteer, commonly called of Portsmouth, has been lately in Salem. He has preached in several private houses but while the zeal of the Antinomian Baptists is in flame he can attract little notice. He had as immoderate a dose given him last Sunday as he commonly gives his neighbours, from the Baptists of the Brick Meeting House. But he is securing his seed for harvest. It is necessary to check this uncharitable & ignorant sect which multiplies its lay preachers among us. Elder Smith has been also at Chebacco. It is said that he does not want talents. He certainly, as his works shew, does not want impudence. But at present he would be a blessing to Salem. In the past week I addressed to Capt. Hawkes Fearing my vindication of the Council at Hingham. This week the petition for an incorporation will be before the House as it was last week before the Committee. The same bitterness of invective appeared as at Hingham, but the political charge in Hingham is the most serious grief they feel. We are told that the Pr[ofessor] of Divinity at Cambridge, who was once an Incumbent of this Parish, contends against the majority who have set-

*Bowen's Columbian Museum.

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JUSTICE JOSEPH STORY.

From the portrait by Charles Osgood, now in possession of the Essex Institute.

tled Mr. Richardson. A Mr. Chaplin officiates as Baptist minister at the New Mills [Danversport], so that we have three Baptist Meeting houses within a short distance, at Salem, Beverly & Danvers. They have entered Ipswich, Newburyport, but have made little impression on the interior, though itinerating constantly. It is from the infamy of the sect & its blind guides, that the greatest evils are apprehended, not from what they know, but because they know nothing at all.

20. The Snow of Sunday has afforded some sleighing which is enjoyed thoroughly if we may judge from the movements. Our harbor is open as far as the lower wharves. A new Committee is chosen for Salem Museum. S. Derby, Jona. Mason, & B. Crowninshield. They intend arrangements. In the Course of last week a Dutch Colonist moved into Gibaut's House opposite to us. He is from the East Indies, & had been in the service of the Company at Panam. [sic]

23. Mr. [Joseph] Story, a young Lawyer who has been much caressed for his fond officiousness in the Republican Cause, as soon as he reached the Gen[eral] Court from Salem, discovered that his ambition outstepped his Judgment. His first act was to aid the bill for raising the salaries of the Judges, a matter which could not obtain in Federal times. He succeeded. He has since attempted the new judiciary bill & failed. He called for it again & failed by a greater majority. Not a single Republican was found to adhere to him.

25. Sunday. [Note.] Elizabeth Thomas, d. of her eldest s. Samuel, drowned at sea. This woman was deserted by her Husband above 20 years ago. He is alive in N. Carolina. Application having been made by a Comm[ittee] of Portsmouth appointed by that Town to solicit charity for the sufferers by fire, the Comm[ittee] of our society licenced a Contribution which obtained 86 Dollars which were inclosed in a letter to Dr. J. Buckminster of the Portsmouth Committee. It is said upon the late fire in the same place Salem collected 2500 Dollars. It is not expected that a large sum will be raised as it has been insinuated that the relief was abundant before & that rich men had put in claims to it who were not in any sense in a state of suffering. Our Contribution was much less than I expected on such an occasion but doubtless prejudice abroad had done much to prevent liberality on the occasion.

Revd. J. Spaulding of this Town suggested to me the usefulness of establishing in the Town a School for young Negro Children in which they might be seperately instructed. In the other schools for poor children pride will not suffer them to unite. I approved the design & mentioned it to several members of the Committee. He told me he had examined the Negroes who are chiefly of his Congregation, but was surprised to find how few could read or write. He was informed of one Negro Woman who could read & he sought for

her intending to recommend her for Mistress of the School, but upon examination he was not satisfied with her attainments & proposes a White person to instruct them. Clark Brown who has preached with me & was first at Machias & then at South Brimfield, is now at Montpelier, Vt. The first no. of a newspaper from that place has an extract from a Sermon of Mr. Brown. It is upon Death. He was a Semi Arian when with me. I know not what now. He is a man of indiscretion but addicted to no vice of character. In Mass. Legislature, it has been proposed to leave the Parish Taxes to the Assessors so that all certificates from other denominations should direct the assessments. Something towards quiet.

26. The weather has been very severe. Several times below zero & in the houses frequently within 10 degrees of that point. We hear of few accidents. A man is said to have perished in Marblehead last Thursday after having passed Salem Harbour upon the ice & after he had reached the opposite shore. From the want of standard glasses which have been compared with glasses which measure exactly in extremes, the same degrees have not been reported even in the same places. The cold has been undoubtedly below zero.

28. The Town have had a meeting upon the subject of the petition to the General Court from Marblehead to grant to their marine Society the Islands laying off that Town. I delivered the Indian deed of Salem to Capt. B. Ward one of the Selectmen this day. Capt. James Prince of Marblehead is the most active. They ask for E. Rock of Cat Island, Marblehead rock, Tinker's & Ram island, as Capt. Prince informed me. Col. Harthorne of Salem is warmly opposed to such a Grant to Marblehead. The falling of the rain upon the ice has made it very slippery.

30. We have not our Martyr day, nor our fast for Charles or Lewis, but we discover the malignity of prejudice against our present republican Administration. The members who addressed Pr. Jefferson are threatened with a protest. The members who supported the bill in favor of the votes of Unincorporated settlements are threatened in the same manner. The Trial of Selfridge, a pamphlet long announced, is just in circulation, praised & promised already in a new edition, & has a licence & patent. Party is provoked to all its rage & truth is not much known.

February 1 [1807]. Elder Elias Smith, Freewill Baptist, continues his labours among us. Some of the violent admirers of Mr. Bolles begin to give him the preference. If the many tales which follow him had not come soon enough to touch his first labours he might have done much good in the present state of this town. Mr. [Nathaniel] Stone from Windham, Maine, & a School master for private Scholars in Salem, has finished for the present his preaching in Chebacco. Some of the seeds which Cleveland sowed will continue to spring up. The affairs of Dr. Dana in Ipswich repose. He is in communion with the first church & exchanges of pulpit services

continue. The Baptists put a high value upon the books of Dr. Baldwin of Boston. He has proved so that they have no doubts of what they cannot understand. Gill, Whiston & Robinson would have no quarter with these converts among which such great names as Backus, Merrill & Baldwin. E. Smith has given Baldwin a full taste of his rude satire, but in vain. In Marblehead [Hezekiah] May continues his night lectures in the New Meeting House but they are still refused in the Old Meeting House. Dana attempted a substitute by reading & expounding in private houses. But the dullness of the man can be no spring to the passions of a multitude. Few could accept an opiate who wished a dram of the old N[ew] Eng[land] Spirit. We were, after the Afternoon service, in great danger from fire. The new shop in our Garden eastward of the House & occupied by an Apothecary named Hemmenway, was on fire from the breaking of a large earthen vessel of Essence of Peppermint containing 2 gallons. The boys attempted in vain to extinguish the fire. It had reached the top of the room & had penetrated in liquid flame to the Cellar. A few moments might have been attended with most serious consequences.

2. The progress of the friends of our present administration oblige the greatest efforts of the opposition. Pamphlet on Pamphlet follows the case of Selfridge. To the trial Selfridge has added a defence. As collateral security for the effect we find Patch's trial in England printed at the same time to make the new trial go down more easily. A Book seller in Salem boasted that he sold 40 of the trial in a day. As Books of the first kind have a slow sale in Salem, this was something remarkable. Citizens were urged to buy. But poor [Charles] Steele, who received all his after the first sale, tells me that he has not yet sold one. The honest Hibernian* who deals in Books, would not buy or sell, & in the Caucus of the Legislature, Republicans agreed to be no purchasers. These are signs of the times & shew us in what age we live.

3. The zeal with which Mr. [Joseph] Story has defended all the measures of the Judiciary has been attended with a long absence from the House of Representatives. Being alone he discovered that his influence was not so great as he believed. Last night we had an alarm of fire. It was at the Mills in Danvers near the Iron Factory. The Chocolate Mills were destroyed which had been lately erected by Bott & Glover. Very little assistance was given from Salem.

4. From all quarters we learn that the cold of Monday, 26 Jan. was excessive. From Cambridge they report as low as 13 minus, at Salem we called it 8, at Portsmouth 10.

6. Mr. King has a panorama still in Salem.† It is the siege of Tripoli. The Ships are done by [Michele Felice] Corné,‡ formerly living in this town & introduced by E. H. Derby from Naples. The

*Bernard B. Macanulty?

†Sixty feet long and ten feet high. It was exhibited in Washington Hall.

‡See Mason's Reminiscences of Newport (1884), page 330-340.

Ships are good but the whole admits some improvement. The profits from such exhibitions in Salem are said to be much less than in Marblehead. Few visit in the day time. Commercial habits enquire, how much by it? His profile cutting produced him more in Halifax, N. S., than in Salem. Few of these shows continue long & yet Salem is continually receiving emigrations from the surrounding settlements without loss of the original character. The late intended Theatrical Invitations were overruled, after they were announced in the Gazettes.

7. A young man, Shopkeeper, who married the d[aughter] of a neighboring Clergyman, seduced a d[aughter] of one of our most reputable citizens. He long since left the town. She was delivered before the parents had suspicions & has died. The wife was one of the girls respecting whom Dr. Clarke once said to me, I was surprised to see a Clergyman's family which seemed upon the best standing, open to the most illiberal prejudices that ignorance & enmity could produce. Thus often the innocent eventually suffer. His disappointment & his ruin.

8. Sunday. When fanaticism will have run its race, is no question while ignorance & prejudice hold possession of the world. Barnes, the Universalist illiterate & unabashed holds out his edifying lectures to the people. Elias Smith having quitted the ground of close, is now for open communion, & he is sowing the seeds of discord among the Baptists. This is a favorite point in Salem, as they hate close communion, tho' they have close hearts. Williams affairs made an early alarm, & without knowing why the alarm remains. Had Smith preached open, when Bolles preached close communion, B. never could have settled. It is S's character which shuts the door against him even at the present hour. One Jones assists Smith, as another Jones at Cape Ann assists Murray the Universalist. It is singular in the United States to find laws against retailing spirituous liquors in time of public service, but such a Law exists in N. Carolina.*

14. This day is remarkable for the completion of the 100th year of Margaret Swasey, in Daniel's street in the Eastern part of the Town. The tape for which she has been distinguished, she spun this day, & the parts were distributed with all that fond curiosity which discovers how rare a sight old age is when it has finished a Century of years. She has been 70 years in our Church & was a widow when received. Her family name is Diamond. She was born in Marblehead 14 Feb., 1707 & came very young to Salem. She has one son living who is 76 years of age, & named Samuel, after his Father. She was one of five who were living last year that were received into the Second Church in 1737. On the occasion I provided to say that all the deaths in my ministry since 1785 were 831, of these 43 died from 70 to 80, 26 from 80 to 90, & 9 above 90 of the

*Such is also the case in England at the present time.

following ages, 4 at 90, 1 at 92, 1 at 96, 1 at 98, 1 at 100, & one at 103. This list includes all who died at home & abroad which is one in 10 above 70 in the whole list. In reviewing the reported deaths above 90, in the United States, which I could obtain in 1806, I found the whole number I had obtained 91, who died at the following ages, as reported, the lower numbers rather than higher being preferred when known.

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| At 90 18 persons. | At 96 4 persons. | At 102 1 person. | |
| At 91 14 | At 97 6 | At 103 1 | |
| At 92 7 | At 98 3 | At 104 3 | |
| At 93 3 | At 99 2 | At 105 2 | in all 91 |
| At 94 10 | At 100 6 | At 106 2 | |
| At 95 5 | At 101 3 | At 107 1 | |

15. Sunday. A day very different from the preceeding Sunday, being wet & warm instead of severe cold. Two of our Society who have hired pews have relinquished them, it is presumed from the force of the political gust which at times seems violent enough to carry all away before it in Church & State. From Mr. B. Wadsworth of Danvers, I have received his Sermon at the Dedication of the New Meeting House of the first Church, 20 November, 1806.

17. Some reports were brought that new wife of Pr. Ware in Cambridge, has hung herself. This is a very extraordinary event so soon after marriage. So intimately are politics associated with everything that it was said, how happy is it that her husband was not a Democrat. What a crime must he have committed?

18. We had an uncommon rain so that little appearance of snow is left & on Wednesday night a very high wind & torrents of rain. The changes of the weather are unusual. The sickness of Mr. English, Sexton, has induced the Committee this day to appoint Mr. Nichols to officiate in his stead. The long & faithful service of Philip English deserves the gratitude of our Society. We have news that Capt. Bryant of this town is cast away on the coast of England. The continued rains have added to the evils from the loss of bridges by which this season has been remarkably distinguished.

20. This day appeared a half sheet called "The Fool," without date or press intended to insult the Friend & the Register. It was chiefly employed in ridiculing Mr. Blythe's Conundrums, rebuses & acrostics, which ought to be reprobated by every man of taste. Had it not shewn as much malignity as folly it might have died with a laugh.

22. Sunday. [Notes] Israel Ward and wife, d. of her father Peter Murray, pr. for B. absent. Joseph Webb & wife, d. of his Brother in law P. Murray, pr. for Brethren at sea. Elizabeth Buchanan, delivery, Pr. for husband absent.

23. This day was the visitation of the Schools & a sufficient

number of the members attended upon this service. In the Grammar School under Mr. Parker, we did not find a dozen boys present & all in the lower classes. In the Center Writing School under Mr. Gray, we had the best reading & spelling & in the West School under Mr. Hacker, the best writing. Arithmetic makes but slow progress in these Schools. In the East School under Mr. Lang, we found them better than before but far from excellence. The Female School attached to the East School, was the most pleasing, above fifty children all at a very early age, below 7 years, neat, submissive, & with their lessons ready & in order.

27. It is impossible in a small space to give the names of all the Bridges & water works which have been destroyed this season in New England. The cold has been felt as far as Georgia, & the snows have been deep in these southern regions. We have had little snow but plentiful rains & upon the frozen surface all their water has been conducted to the streams & rivers with wide destruction. Near Providence, great losses have been sustained, so on the Conn. & Merrimac. The ice broke at New York & Philadelphia in the middle of February bet. 14 & 16th. This season has been remarkable for overflowing rivers & the consequent evils, but the early notice has not been unseasonable for our Country which has entertained too much favour for wooden bridges & of very slight construction & without the necessary abutments & arches. It is happy to have notice so serious as the present before the evil became general & the sufferings more aggravated. The public were intoxicated with their first success.

28. Reports of a slight shock of an Earthquake at Portland. It is said to have lasted 40 seconds. Every year we have such reports from that quarter & they must be solved by the cracking of the earth, unless some corresponding information be elsewhere obtained. Electioneering has opened for the season with new vigour, zeal has new claims. Singing is with difficulty maintained. We have neither teachers nor scholars. Very few are decent in this quarter in any kind of music. Dr. Oliver has some reputation on his organ, but no vocal performer of either sex arrests attention. Our military band is a new thing, but we are on parade days assisted from the Capital.

March 1 [1807]. Sunday. Last night was a severe rain storm at S. E. & at day break three wrecks were to be seen from our shores & we soon had the report of the total loss of an India Ship belonging to Mr. W. Gray of this port, in sight of our lights & off Cape Ann, worth 100 th. D. One Vessel is upon Beverly entrance, one on Winter Island, & one on Cat Is[land]. The storm continued till 11 o'clock A. M. As many vessels are expected & so many suffer before our eyes great apprehensions are felt of extensive evils.

2. We have accounts of the four Vessels lost in sight of this Town. Sch. Harriot of Newburyport, Knap, on Winter Island,

bilged, Cargo saved. Sch. Little Sally, Saunders, Master, of Wiscasset, bound to Boston from Martinico via Vineyard, upon Cat Island. The master, Cook & a private man perished. Foremast went through her bottom. Vessel & Cargo lost. A Brig from W. Indies, bel[onging] to Col. Peabody of Newburyport, at Woodberry's Cove, Beverly, saved. Ship Howard, bel[onging] to W. Gray, Capt. Bray, S. E. of Cape Ann in sight of the lights, Capt. & 2 hands drowned. The remainder washed ashore upon the quarter deck. Ship & Cargo lost.

3. On 25 Feb. 42 Rep. Delegates from the Towns in the County met at Ipswich & nominated J. Sullivan, Gov., L. Lincoln, L. G., Senators I. Sprague, T. Kitteredge, D. Kilham, J. Harthorne, W. Pearson, M. Little.

4. The Shipwreck at Cape Ann has not given a higher opinion of Cape Ann than we have been taught to hold of Cape Cod. The disposition to pilfer was not easily restrained even by guards, and if we cannot prevent thefts at fires in our best towns, we cannot preserve our goods scattered on the shore when the storm is over. Much must be allowed for description, but after many deductions, pilfering is a sad vice when it has any excuse for it or any temptation to it. The Law must have a lash to it & the soldier only can execute it. It is said an offer of 5th D. was made for the savings & if they exceeded 7th D. all above that sum was to be returned to the Owner.

5. Instead of the alarms of this day in 1770 we have the domestic canvassings from which high party feelings arise. Electioneering all!

6. This evening both parties had their Caucuses. In our little towns these are interesting events. No attempts have yet been made to prevent these large collections by night Church meetings. Whether the ministers do not chuse to declare their hostility to the parties which mix in their congregations I have not heard. Such ministers do not commonly want courage when they can plead the calls of their sect or their conscience. Night Church devotions are rather of the female than of the male gender.

8. Sunday. [Notes] Samuel Archer, wife & Ch., death of his father S. Archer at Boston, æt. 77. Wid. Sarah Knight, d. of her Brother Samuel Archer.

9. The day of our Annual Election of Town Officers. Much was expected from the preparations of parties & the Opposition never appeared more confident of success. Their protest against the meeting for the choice of Representatives by carrying it to private houses in separte papers gained above 600 subscribers, a greater number than they had obtained at any meeting & encouraged their hopes. But they forget that timidity overawed many & this day the friends of the Government obtained a majority of 70 without any violent debates or much confusion. I was challenged in giving my vote for town Officers because I did not pay a tax. I was qualified to pay

but excused was my plea. No opposition appeared after the election of Selectmen & the meeting soon adjourned till the next day to complete the elections.

11. Some notice has been given of slight shocks of Earthquakes in & near Portland. These have been repeated several years, & have been thought to be the cracking of the ice. But as the same reports are from all the towns in the vicinity it seems that something unusual has been observed. The time was on Sunday, 22 Feb. & the rumbling was from N. W. to S. E. The repetitions of the tales every winter have induced doubts which would not have been otherwise indulged. Mr. William Wetmore who was a Lawyer & married an Orne of this town, has died upon his return from a voyage into the Mediterranean at New York. He was 30 years of age. We have little success in our sea voyages for consumption. Dr. Valentine of Marseilles, writes me without hope.

13. We have information from a Ship* commanded by Capt. Story, belonging to the Gardiners of this port, of another attempt of the natives near Sumatra to possess themselves of his Ship. The Ship was rescued by the loss of lives on both sides. This is the second example on the coast of Sumatra, the other in the case of Capt. Carlton, besides the loss of Capt. Orne in the Red sea by Arabs. Capt. Story is in the Vineyard.

17. Dr. Phelps of Cape Ann Harbour, assures that sufficient evidence had been obtained that the charges respecting the pilfering of the Shipwreck cargo belonging to the Ship Howard lately were false. That the principal articles of value missing instead of being plundered were concealed in the piles on the shore by the persons employed to collect the remains in hopes that being sold on the spot they might profit from the concealed articles, & that the truckmen had been discovered as privy to such secret villainy. The truckmen here are the lowest class of our citizens, generally foreigners, upon low wages, & nothing is regarded in the choice of them but their strength. The most aggravated charges were at first brought against the inhabitants.

18. Last Saturday night was a fire in Marblehead, which destroyed a store with valuable contents, on Col. Lee's wharf. The upper part was a sail loft. The damage reckoned at several thousand dollars. Many goods lost in removing. We had no alarm of this fire in Salem & our Town watch never saw it. It was seen upon the high lands of Danvers, & by some private citizens who feared to make alarm as the fire appeared low & distant. The people of Marblehead sent over to stop our Engines but they found the town quiet & returned.

21. This evening, a Caucus of the Federalists to obtain the building of the County Register's Office in Salem. The Federalists favour it & some Republicans do not oppose it. Two new School-

*Ship Marquis de Someruelas, William Story, master.

houses are proposed & a special Committee are upon the business. One is proposed in North Fields & another in the Western part of the Town. No proposal has been made in the Southfields but it is expected the bridge over South river will increase the settlements sufficiently for their claims. It has been proposed to combine the Schools so that all the children may be taught the different branches by different masters in the same buildings, but the wish now is not for the best schools but for the nearest.

22. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Grace Hampson, sick of a fever. An evil arises from the present management of Sales of Books at public Vendue. A certain part of unsaleable books are sold to pedlars at a cheap rate. These are sold cheap to uninformed readers & the most contemptible publications in all branches are spread over the country. It is a real evil to have such books in circulation. The only remedy is to make better books circulate by Libraries, &c. Dr. Phelps from Cape Ann, being asked in Company how they kept themselves free from illiterate Baptist preachers said that they employed fife & drum & enough followed them. It is to be lamented that such swarms of exhorters, as they are called, are to be found. Several tradesmen of this town have actually opened vestries in which at stated times they hold forth & some of them adventure into the neighboring towns & scruple not to exhibit their talents to their followers at the stated hours of public worship. Such times call for great discretion & generous activity but nothing like persecution or insult should appear. This would be to touch the ark of God with unhallowed hands.

23. This day an opportunity, by the indulgence of Capt. Winn, to send two boxes to Professor Ebeling in the Ship Rachel, Francis Joseph, of Salem bound for Hamburg. I barely informed him of the Boxes & of the books received. The ship sailed immediately upon the delivery of the Books.

This day was an adjournment of the Annual March meeting & after long debate a vote obtained to build upon Summer & Broad street a brick building for the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, with a fire proof apartment for the records & a spacious house for the Recorder. Much artifice was employed as this subject has been repeatedly before the Town. On the Committee before appointed were Joshua Ward, John Harthorne, & Ichabod Tucker, Clerk of the Judicial Courts. To them were added Samuel Ropes & John Pickering. The house is 60 by 40, two sides of a square, so that the office should be open on three sides. Plan by Macintire.

25. This day was buried in this town, Priscilla, the widow of Gamaliel Hodges, in her 89th year. She was the daughter of Deacon Webb of the 2d Church & has lived a widow about 40 years. She left posterity 100 & two of the 4th generation. She has left a Brother & two Sisters who have survived her. She was much respected. She has left 4 children, two Sons & 2 Daughters, all mar-

ried, who have lived in Salem. The Surviving sisters married a Neal and Flint. The daughters, S. Ward, & Barth. Putnam.

26. Capt. W[illiam] Story in the Ship Marquis de Someruelas of Salem, tells of an attack by the natives of Sumatra, in which he lost his Clerk, Mr. Bromfield, the Steward & Cook. The Malays retired without booty. The account is in the Salem Register of this day.

27. The resolutions of the Federalists of Salem, before the late annual town elections & in regard to the State elections, are of the most virulent nature. They profess to view with indignation the proceedings of the Legislature of the State. These have been dictated probably at headquarters & are published in all the high papers of the Commonwealth. They have been compared in the Salem Register to the desperadoes of France under Robespierre. Mr. Ashton stands Moderator & has suffered his name to be annexed to the publication. John Pickering, formerly register, an old man & elder Brother of Timothy, Secretary, says why do parties treat each other as Devils. We say now as often has been said, never were greater exertions made.

29. Sunday. [Note] Grace Hampson, cont. of prayers, sick of a fever. Mr. Noah Hobart of Salem, a descendant of Peter Hobart the first minister of Hingham, put into my hands a diary of said Peter, continued by his family. In the beginning is the following note. Sept. 18, 1735: We find upon the Town records that this day 100 years ago the town of Hingham was settled, the house lots drawn, & that the Revd. Mr. Peter Hobart was here & drew a lot with the 29. The Rev. Mr. Gay, the third pastor of the town gave an excellent sermon Sept. 17, 1735 on the conclusion of the first Century, from 1 Ch. 29. 15. "For we are strangers before thee, and Sojourners as all our Fathers were."

HOBART'S DIARY.

- 1635 June 8. Peter Hobart & wife reached New England.
Sept. 18. Drew lots with 29 in Hingham.
- 1638 Nov. 8. A Church gathered at Dedham.
Nov. 28. Mr. Peck ordained Teacher in Hingham.
- 1639 Jan. 30. Church gathered in Weymouth.
May 15. Mr. Hull gave his farewell sermon. (was this at Nantasket?)
Sept. Church gathered at Braintree.
- 1640 Deacons ordained in Hingham, Henry Smith & Ralph Woodward.
- 1641 Oct. 27. Mr. Peck sailed for England.
- 1645 July 2. Mr. Philips of Watertown buried.
- 1649 26 March. Mr. John Winthrop being Governor died Monday about noon.

- April 3. Mr. Winthrop's funeral tuesday.
 Aug. 25. Mr. Sheppard, Pastor at Cambridge, died Saturday morning.
- 1651 6 May. Mr. Elliott, Ruling Elder of the Church in Boston died, buried May 8.
- 1652 22 Dec. John Cotton, Teacher of the Church in Boston, died Wednesday night, buried Tuesday, 28 Dec.
- 1653 Thomas Dudley a magistrate, 31 July at Roxbury, buried 5 Aug.
1654. Dec. 9. Saturday Major Gen. Gibbons, buried Thursday following.
- 1655 N. Rogers Pastor of Ipswich, died 3 Aug.
 Oct. 1. Mr. Norwell, a Magistrate of Charlestown died.
- 1660 June 6. Wife of John Wilson died.
 Aug. 29. Ordination at Salem.
- 1661 Jan. 25. Mr. Dwight of Dedham died.
 Ap. 4. Deacon T. Loring formerly of Hingham died at Hull.
 Aug. 8. Charles II proclaimed at Boston with great solemnity.
 Sept. 16. Major Gen. Humphrey Atherton died by a fall from his horse at Boston, Mond. buried friday.
 Dec. 11. Mr. John Norton went for England, returned 3 Sept. 1662.
- 1663 March 5. John Norton, Teacher of First Church in Boston died, buried 9th.
 July 5. Mr. Newman, Pastor of the Church at Rehoboth died.
- 1665 March 15. John Endicott Governour died, was buried 24th.
- 1666 Dec. 14. Mr. Thompson, Minister of Braintree died.
- 1667 Aug. 6. Mr. John Wilson, Pastor of the Old Church in Boston died a very aged man.
- 1668 Ap. 27. Mr. Flint, minister of Braintree died.
 July 10. Mr. Mitchel, Pastor at Cambridge died.
- 1669 March 22. Richard Mather, Pastor at Dorchester died.
 March 20. Mr. Raynor, Minister at Dover died.
- 1670 March 12. John Davenport, Pastor of first Church in Boston died Tuesd., bur. 15th.
- 1671 Jany. 4. Zechary Symms, Pastor of Charlestown died.
 April 3. Francis Willoughby, Dep. Gov. died.
 Aug. 29. John Allen, Pastor of Dedham, buried his wife & died the same day.
- 1672 Feb. 21. Charles Chauncey, President of Harvard College buried.
 Dec. 7. Richard Bellingham, Governour, died at Boston.
- 1673 March 28. Thomas Prince, Gov. of Plymouth died.
- 1674 Nov. 19. Mr. Danforth, Pastor of the Church at Roxbury died.
 Dec. 28. Mr. Oxenbridge, Pastor of the Church in Boston died.

- 1675 Sept. 18. Capt. Lathrop & his 60 soldiers slain.
 Nov. 9. Our Army marched towards Naragansetts.
 Dec. 24. Mr. Holmes, Minister of Duxbury buried.
- 1676 Feb. General of the Army returned to Boston.
 March 13. Groton burnt.
 March 26. Marlborough burnt.
 April 5. John Winthrop, Gov. of Connecticut died.
 April 18. Sudbury burnt & Capt. Wadsworth & Capt. Brocklebank killed.
 April 20. John Jacob killed by Indians near his father's house (Hingham). Sergt. Pratt of Weymouth same day.
 April 22. Houses of Joseph Jones, Ant. Sprague, Israel Hobart, N. Chubbuck, & James White burnt by Indians (in Hingham).
 April 28. Major Willard buried.
 May 13. Mr. Usher died at Boston.
 May 16. Richard Russel Esqr buried.
 Nov. 27. North Meeting House burnt in Boston with 56 other buildings.
- 1677 July 10. Ship with smallpox, of which 800 died, came to Nantasket.
 Dec. 22. Thomas Sheppard, Teacher of the Church at Charlestown, died.
- 1678 Jan. 24. Thomas Walley, Pastor of the Church at Barnstable, died.
 Mar. 16. Noah Newman, Pastor of Church in Rehoboth, died.
 April 9. Joseph Browne, Fellow of Harvard College, died.
 June 24. Edmond Browne, Pastor of Church in Sudbury, died.
 Aug. 22. Nicholas Bacon, Preacher in Scituate, died.
 Oct. 16. Thomas Thacher, Pastor of 3d Church in Boston, died.
 Oct. 24. Joseph Rowlandson, Preacher in Wethersfield, died.
 Oct. 27. John Norton ordained Pastor of the Church in Hingham.
- Here end the records of Mr. Peter Hobart. The son says—"My father died 20 Jan. 1679 at 10 at night monday, & was buried on Thursday 23. In the 75 year of his age & 53 of his ministry." The Book is continued in the same hand, & is probably a copy by the Son.
- 1679 John Leverett, Gov. died at Boston, Mar. 17, buried 25th.
 March 24. Theophilus Cushing of Hingham, in 100th year, buried on 25th.
 Aug. 8. Great fire in Boston, burnt 77 Dwelling houses & 35 ware houses.

- Sept. 10. Synod began in Boston.
 Oct. 15. Samuel Angier ord. Pastor of Church in Rehoboth.
 Oct. 21. Sister Hannah Brown married John Rogers of Salem.
 Nov. 26. My Brother Gershom Hobart ordained at Groton.
 1680 May 4. Thomas Sheppard ordained at Charlestown.
 Aug. 17. Mr. Ransford, ruling elder of 3 Ch. in Boston, buried.
 Dec. 18. Josiah Winslow Esqr. Gov. of Plymouth died, buried 23d.
 1681 Mr. Oakes Pastor at Cambridge & President of College died 24 July.
 July 26. New Meeting House raised at Hingham which cost the Town 430£ in money with the old House.
 Aug. Bought a Negro Boy æt. 8 for 20£ 10.
 1682 Jany. 8. The first time of meeting in the New Meeting House in Hingham.
 May 30. Capt. Richards & Joseph Dudley Esqr. Agents for the Country, sailed for England.
 June 18. Mr. Danforth ordained Pastor of the Church in Dorchester.
 Sept. 22. Major Daniel Denison Esqr. buried.
 1683 Sept. 30. Capt. John Hull Esq. deceased on Sabbath, Oct. 5, buried in Boston.
 Oct. 8. Capt. Daniel Fisher died at Dedham.
 1684 March 9. William Withereñ, Pastor of Scituate, died.
 July 2. Mr. Rogers, President of the College, died.
 Oct. 15. Thomas Mitchel ordained Pastor at Scituate.
 1685 Aug. 18. William Adams, Minister of Dedham, buried Tuesday.
 1686 March 10. Elder Bate died at Weymouth.
 Dec. 20. Sr. Edmond Andross, first General Gov. arrived at Boston.
 1687 March 19. Major Daniel Gookin Esqr. died at Cambridge.
 1689 Aug. 26. Thomas Mitchel, Minister at Scituate, died.
 1692 May 14. Sir William Phipps, Gov. arrived at Boston.
 1694 April 3. Major John Richards died at Boston.
 1695 June 17. Deacon Samuel Thompson of Braintree died.
 June 22. Mr. Hull died at Boston.
 1698 My Father in law Edmund Quincey Esqr. died 7 Jan., buried on 12th, æt. 68.
 1699 Lord Richard Coule came to Boston, 26 May.
 1701 July 9. Hon. W. Stoughton Esqr. died, buried on 14th.
 1707 Ap. 21. Revd. Saml. Tory, Pastor of the Ch. in Weymouth, æt. 74.
 Dec. 19. Revd. Gershom Hobart died æt. 62, Minister at Groton.

- 1708 Aug. 10. Moses Fiske, Minister of Braintree, died.
 1709 Jan. 5. Joseph Bridgeham, Ruling Elder of Old Ch. in Boston, died *æt.* 57.
 May 18. Joseph Marsh ordained Pastor at Braintree.
 1710 February 28. Elder John Rogers died at Weymouth.
 1711 November. My Brother Josiah Hobart at East Hampton, Long Island, *æt.* 72.
 1712 Aug. 27. My Brother Nehemiah Hobart Pastor of Ch. at Newtown.
 1715 July 10. Brother Joseph Bradford, Son of W. Bradford 2d Gov. of Plymouth, *æt.* 85 died.
 1716 Oct. 3. John Norton, Pastor of Ch. in Hingham died, *æt.* 66, ministry 38.
 1717 Feb. latter end. Brother Joshua Hobart, Minister of Southhold, Long Island, died *æt.* 80.
 Feb. Jeremiah Hobart, Minister at Haddam, Conn. died.
 1718 June 11. Ebenezer Gay ordained at Hingham.
 1721 Nehemiah Hobart ord. to 2d Church in Hingham, 19 Dec. Son of the writer.
 1724 July 29. Nathan Leonard ord. Pastor of Ch. at Plymouth.
 Aug. 19. Josiah Marshall ord. Pastor of Ch. at Falmouth.
 1728 13 Nov. John Taylor ord. Pastor of Ch. at Milton.
 Nov. 13. Peleg Heath ord. at Barrington.
 1740 May 31. Neh. Hobart, pastor of 2d Ch. Hingham, died *æt.* 44, of ministry 19th.

31. Electioneering in all its fervor. No arts untried & each promising themselves & their followers the victory. We had a violent snowstorm quite emblematic of the fury which bursts upon the social world at this hour. For the first time Caucus[es] are appointed at Danvers, Beverly &c. Generally to keep up appearances of great numbers the neighbouring towns have been invited to Salem. But they were unwilling to cover the nakedness of a party. At home they could publish separate votes which would have the appearance of greater combinations & greater success. We shall see the success eventually.

April 1 [1807]. All Fool's day & the third no. of the Fool, an empty sheet patronised by a vile fellow one [William] Bigelow, Schoolmaster in Boston. In this I have my share of abuse in the low wit of that Buffoon. This is a very trifling evil compared with the vile tales put in circulation & the many discontents excited from all causes possible among the people of my charge so as to make my living, my usefulness & even existence uncertain.

3. A singular affair has happened in Boston. A Mr. [Levi] Dow reported a conversation of Col. [Paul] Revere, foreman of the Jury which acquitted Selfridge, in which said Col. told S[elfridge] that he would not have been acquitted in any other county as his



WILLIAM BIGLOW.

Schoolmaster in Salem, Boston and Natick. From the wax bas-relief
in the Essex Institute.

opinion. Col. Revere declared this report an infamous falsehood. Dow has taken oath to it & two other persons have deposed to move unfavorable declarations of the said Col. in the same affair. It is now before the public.

4. A poor negro who was condemned to death for the murder of a bastard child in the same court which tried Selfridge, has had another trial upon some plea that the first was illegal & has been acquitted. It is said the trial was illegal as but one Judge was present in the case of a murder. Many insinuations respecting this affair will be made at the present crisis & on the present convulsed state of the public mind. Capt. George Raymond, who died this week at Beverly, had nearly finished his hundredth year. He supported a good character among his neighbors.

5. Sunday. [Note] Thomas Street & wife, pr. for her Father John Edwards dang. sick. The general consent of the Clergy to approve the administration of Mr. Jefferson has induced a belief of their influence against the Republican interest in our Legislature. This has produced many remarks in the Gazettes. The Opposition has flattered the Clergy to encourage their exertions. One artifice has been to employ the public sympathy upon the late death of Dr. Stillman in favor of their measure by representing him friendly to the Opposition, when the Republicans put his name upon their new List of School Committee in Boston, just before his death. The Dr. loved his popularity too well to declare on either side.

6. The day for the election of Governour & greater exertions were made than have ever yet been known. The first merchant of the Town, Mr. W. Gray, was in the List of Senators, given by the Opposition, & the men of first name & property appeared in person to solicit votes at the pole. But they were not able to obtain a majority. The Ex Senator Gen. Derby rendered himself ridiculous on the occasion by his situation, but all the solicitations of his friends could not prevent his degradation. Various solutions were given for the unequal number of votes for Governour & Senators, but it was attributed to two causes, one to the stories told of the Candidate, the Attorney General, & the influence of an old Governour, & another to the neglect in pressing votes, to oblige the votes by promise to vote for all the list, as only Governour was mentioned, supposing that the List came of course. But the Opposition was sure of Senators.

7. News of the death of my Father's Sister Dorothy, Widow of W. Wheat, at Providence. She had complained of the Cold which has prevailed this season but went to bed without any alarm, awaked with a pain in the stomach, & before any medical assistance could be given she expired 28 March 1807, aged 68. Her husband was the son of a Dr. Wheat, a Physician of some reputation, but he soon turned out an indifferent husband & died 40 years ago & left his wife a family of small children to maintain. She removed from

Boston to Providence & supported the character of an industrious, sober & useful woman.

9. So far as my observations extend, & the observations of others were expressed voluntarily, this was the best observed fast I have ever noticed in Salem. Whether the humbled state of the high party, & regard to the reputation of the rising party, & the enthusiasm kindled among the low people, were causes in whole, or in part, I cannot pretend to explain. Perhaps the pride of party may have done much. A Fast appointed by their own Governour they were bound to respect. The influence of the rich is great, the small might take it for devotion. Whatever was the cause it was as quiet as Sunday & the congregation fuller than I have ever known on such an occasion.

10. This morning died Capt. John Edwards. An upright man but all his industry did not raise him above dependance. He married a daughter of Revd. Fiske, sister of the General, & had made causes to obstruct his success.

11. The Committee upon the distribution of the Contribution of the Fast with me. The Sum D 60,67c.

15. It is said that Daniel Appleton, æt. 89, who died lately at Hamilton, part of Ipswich formerly, has bequeathed all his estate to the poor of the County of Essex. It seems to the poor of the household faith. It will be curious to have the question settled, whether these are Communicants, of what communion, or whether the honest poor of the County?

17. The Supreme Judicial Court has an extraordinary sitting in this town to clear the docket. Judge S. Sewall on the bench. The town has granted leave to erect a new School house in Northfields, & authorized a Committee to provide a burying ground on the North Side of the river in Northfields. The School Committee met this evening. Some question upon the appointment of a Master & several petitions for the Office. No new measures adopted. The old Salaries continued, the district Committees dropped, a Committee to act upon Mr. Emerson to address the Scholars at the Annual Visitation before Commencement.

18. The first pleasant day in which it was safe to venture abroad without winter clothing. Rain threatened, repeatedly, & very foggy night. An alarm in the night from an attempt of a culprit to put fire to the Jail. The uncommon weather of the season is noticed throughout the United States. Heavy rains in the southern states, deep snows in the middle states, & changeable weather in northern.

19. Sunday. Notes. Thomas Street & wife, d. of her father Capt. John Edwards, pr. for Brother at sea. The most interesting topic of Conversation is taken from the affairs at Cambridge. A representation has been published by the Students which I have not seen. The report is that the Students complained of their Commons with-

out redress. That proper care was not taken to suppress the rising evil till it terminated in discontents, combinations, & resolutions to retire from the University. The College to meet these serious evils is entirely in the hands of young & unexperienced men who have no weight from years, or fame, or address. The President is lately elected & unacquainted with men & of narrow education. The professor of Divinity left his Parish in disquiets & has no elocution, for which his deceased predecessor was known. The Professor of Oriental languages has no oriental literature, the Professorship of Mathematics has been offered to a self taught youth of this town,* who has had no education or knowledge but in practical methematically. The tutors are youth. Whatever has been the management of the Immediate Government, the Corporation or Fellows, led by the present Chief Judge T[heophilus] Parsons, adopted the remedy in a Confession to be subscribed by the youth, for which the College Laws make no provision. The youth at first refused to sign it, but overawed by their parents & the apprehensions of being debarred from public Education, the greatest part with great reluctance have consented. 80 have refused & of these the leaders were expelled. Of these one belonged to Salem, a son of Mr. James King, who is kindly spoken of among the Inhabitants of the town. Of the Subscribing Confessors many it is expected will withdraw. Mr. W. Gray of this town, our first merchant, intimates he shall remove his Son to Edinburgh. Mr. Lyman, Merchant of Boston, threatens a similar conduct. The College is in deep distress. The Steward through whom these evils have happened named Gannett, was from Bridgewater, went in to the ministry & after preaching in Massachusetts, went to Nova Scotia, thence returned in 1773, was tutor at College, & Occasional preacher in Parishes till he accepted, after the removal of the army from Cambridge, the office of Steward. He is a man of slow powers, not gentle manners, & of forbidding person. Many circumstances combine to give little hopes of a speedy return of prosperity. The Pamphlet of the Students in justification of their opposition at Cambridge, has been attacked & ridiculed in the Palladium of Boston, to prevent its circulation. Campus ubi Troja fuit. In the copy of Richard Rogers' seven treatises, belonging to Somerby of Newbury, & which I have examined as a book in the hands of the first Settlers of New England, I find some family notices which I wish to preserve for future use. The Book given to Antony Somerby by his Grandfather Antony Somerby, 1686. The Treatises are on the True children of God: their life: their means: their directions: their lots: their privileges: & the objections to the doctrine with answers. Antony Somerby, Owner of the Book, the Grandson died Sept. 16, 1759, aged 87 years, 3 months, & 13 days. Elizabeth his wife died 26 Aug. 1762. So that he was about 14 years of age when

*Nathaniel Bowditch.

the donation was made to him. It may be enquired what records exist of this family & of its coming into America.

20. Yesterday at noon were found by some boys in the fields in a hole under ground the remainder of the Watches & jewelry which several months ago were taken from the shop of Mr. Baldwin, jeweler & Watchmaker. These articles were chiefly of gold & not so much injured as was expected. The silver articles were found in the Hospital in Great Pasture. This evening at the East School a melancholy event arrested great attention. During the shower some girls, 7 in number, passed into the necessary & from some cause unknown the floor fell into the Vault and one of the girls was drowned before relief could be obtained. The others suffered no apparent injury.

22. The Jewelry, &c. found last Sunday in Northfields in the trunk of a tree were stolen 24 Oct. 1805. The watches were thrust into a decayed trunk & then a box of jewelry & then leaves. The children thought they saw a squirrel enter the hole & pulled out the leaves to discover him. The Gold watches were 21 with other watches with Jewelry. They had lain 19 months. The other part found in the hospital was silver & the division in value nearly equal which leads to a suspicion of accomplices. What is singular, the whole in amount between 2 & 3 thousand dollars is recovered without leaving the rogues one dollar.

23. My brother John & his daughter Mary with me from Thomastown, Maine. He has 5 children, three Sons, youngest named for the President of the United States. A daughter of Mr. Isaac White of Boston, Deborah, who married John Jenks, 2d, died in Salem yesterday morning, æt. 23 years of age. A Worthy girl.

24. Mr. Ashley Bowen of Marblehead, gave me the following Genealogical table of his Family in America. Richard & Ann came to America, New England, in 1640 & landed at Rehoboth & settled Swansey, so named from the place in Wales from which they came. They brought with them Seven Children named William, Obadiah, Richard, Thomas, Alice, Sarah & Ruth. Obadiah, the second son of Richard, married Mary Clifton & had thirteen children named, Obadiah, Samuel, Joseph, Thomas, Jacob, Mary, Sarah, Hanna, Lydia, Mercy, & 3 died in infancy. Obadiah, the first son, married Abigail Bullock & had ten children, named James, Hezekiah, Daniel, Aaron, Peleg, Abigail, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah & Nathan. Nathan was the Father of Ashley Bowen of Marblehead. This day died Anstis Stone, æt. 29, one of the best of women. With a modesty that was exemplary & talents which were distinguished, with all the best duties of a child & all the sure virtues of a friend, she died the ornament of her sex & an honour to human nature. I retain some specimens of her exquisite taste in the first flower which she ever painted from the larkspur, the beautiful rose she gave me & the well touched head of the French Hero of our times. I could

not feel a greater loss in a young woman. She always had a delicate constitution & nothing but the sweet and innocent varieties of her life could have kept her with us so long. Whom did she ever offend? Whom did she fail to please? What but the silence imposed by her modesty ever induced a wish for anything not found in her. I never found her superiour, I may never find her like.

25. The great prices obtained for Land Lots in & near Salem have thrown many lots into the market & depreciated the Sales. Water lots hold a high value. The Wharf near Water Street Bridge, East of Walnut Street, belonging to Richardson & Co., sold after the buildings & part of the posts were withdrawn & under obligations to continue the piers, at 9 thousand dollars, which since I have been in Salem would hardly have been valued at a 90th part of that sum.

26. Sunday. Note. John Williams & Wife, d. of two sons in Law, drowned in Calcutta from a boat. These were not of our Society & are to me entirely unknown—William Patterson, Abraham Victor. Elias Smith, Jones & Co. are still in our part of the town. Another person was dipped last Thursday, named Symmonds & grand d. of Landlord Webb of the Fort. The one in the week preceeding was a Collins by marriage, a Patterson by a Webb. The Webbs are at the head of the Baptists in Salem. Their G. Grandfather was a Deacon in the 2d Church & is distinguished by his unusual way of pronouncing Celebrate, Claborate. None of them distinguished by their understandings. Smith & Jones preach constantly & even sing in the streets & accost people by asking how it is with their souls. I have been with Mrs. H[itchins], a daughter of my old friend Gardiner. She had a violent paralytic shock two years ago & it has left her much debilitated. From an obstruction in the bowels she has become deranged & dwelt for some time upon the language of the new sect which she caught from conversation for she has attended no worship for several years. In fact it may be expected that every madness will go this way. From Cambridge we have various accounts. Professor Waterhouse has notified the absent students of the commencement of his lectures but the Centinel says, no students are absent but with leave. According to his statement leave of absence has not been granted with a sparing hand. Many speak very doubtfully of the result. The proceedings of the Government have not been published. The complaints of the students have been. The representation has been approved & condemned with great interest. The Corner Stone of the New Baptist Meeting House in Newbury Port laid Ap. 20. The intended New School in Northfields, has brought several petitions from four persons employed in private schools in the town. So that the reputation of the established Schools is still higher than for private ones, while the master has to collect his own Scholars. The two grammar Schools by associated gentlemen, oblige for the term the company to provide the scholars or make up the payment fixed for the services of a Master.

28. A case of derangement in a subject who has suffered from paralytic affection. One of the new devotees had paid a visit of one week. The derangement was first heaven, then prophanity, then hell, then some rest, & some hope of recovery. The woman has not been within a house of worship for years, but without any irregularity of life or contempt of religion. The wife of Abijah Hitchins & d. of my old friend Gardiner.

29. Capt. Allen has just planked his new pier on the north Side of Abbots cove. The stairs are at the end. Part of this work is in mud sills but nothing solid. An abutment of earth is raised near it. The waste of soil on the north side of the Neck between the bar & Hospital point is very great annually. Acres have gone since my acquaintance with it.

30. We have the first severe thunder storm. One of our watch in the night was struck so as long to be speechless. But the storm was more serious around us. Three horses of the Portland Stage were killed at York. In Boston they had hail & the hail did great injury to glass in Newton. A barn was burnt in Cohasset. We had torrents of rain in Salem. The violence of the storm was about nine in the evening. The snows which lay in the back country have suddenly melted & have repeated the evils from the overflowing of dams, mill seats, roads & bridges. Subscriptions continue for the Turnpike from Andover to Salem.

May 2 [1807]. We began to have clear weather after the long fogs in which we have been wrapped for some time past. I saw in the harbour at anchor away from the wharves this day 30 Vessels ready for sea waiting for a wind. And in this number is not included any Vessels at the wharves or in the offing. The delay has been so long that the number ready for sea was unusual.

3. Sunday. Notes. Robert Stone, wife & family, d. of 2d daughter Anstis. Aaron Kehou & wife, d. of her Brother in Law Tateham drowned in the Offing, & pr. for a Brother at Sea. Jane Legarde sick in the charity house. Lately from Maine. School-mistress. Mary Tozzer, d. of her Brother W. Paterson, Son in Law of I. Williams, pr. Br. at Sea. The Free will Baptists remain among us. Their work is slow. They dip one a week at proper intervals but the public curiosity has much lessened on such occasions. Their Candidates are of humble condition & the last so lately profligate & irregular & ignorant, that little moral evidence arises of sincerity. As yet, their whole number is three, of which the last was a young man of very bad habits who has occasioned great pain to a worthy family. The Methodists increase in Marblehead, but not the Baptists. Our Baptist minister but poorly supports the current which sets against him, having been so highly exalted, for the short time he has been with us in Salem.

3. The reports respecting affairs at Cambridge are various. The Students at Cambridge have not yet returned to their studies. I

have seen the short account signed by the Students. They represent the Commons as shameful & their petition treated with contempt. A pamphlet at 20 cents entitled *Don Quixottes* at College, to ridicule the conduct of the Students, has been advertised in Boston. Said by a Senior. From Princeton we learn that the Students had withdrawn & had not returned.

4. Visitation of the Schools, in Grammar School 22, Centre 65, East 60, West, 95. No business done for Northfield School, or Negro School. The woman's school for little children at East end, 60 small children. The wife of Major J. Sprague buried this evening, æt. 64. A White of Haverhill. Walked to Danvers to see the Herring pass. None passed this day. Yesterday large shoals passed up.

5. Military parade. The Infantry dined at Marblehead. The Cadets visited Beverly. A fine day for military parade without accident. Sent to Ashley Bowen his Genealogical tree finished by my pupil to gratify that aged seaman entitled to notice for his venerable age & past services. Directed it to the Companion of the Immortal Cook, at Marblehead. New School Committee List. W. Bentley, W. Prescott, J. Sprague, 2d., L. Maxey, J. Story, J. Tucker, G. Bastow, W. Lee, J. Harthorne, 2d, J. Mason, B. Pickman 2d, B. Crowninshield 2d, J. Baker.

8. Preparations for the Bathing House. Annual Payment this year four dollars, one less than in the last year. One hundred subscribers admitted of which 93 are permanent. Only one Lady's ticket is allowed to a Subscriber, instead of two, which increased the interference. The House open on Sunday morning. Subscribers for the season pay five dollars. It is added as a direction of the managers that no gentleman be present while the Ladies visit the house.

10. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Sarah Shehane, dangerously sick. The Baptists have made no stir in the past week. Smith is thought to be Universalist. All that are saved from the wreck of creation will go into life but it will be a sad drowning to most of the Crew. The other Baptists are comforting their little man with the hopes of a Parish House, the first in Salem. A lot was purchased of the heirs of Hodges at Vendue last week, said for the purpose. The Universalists are contriving to get a house for themselves & have engaged a Mr. Turner for the season. Mr. Worcester who, upon the ground of the Abrahamic Covenant, attacked the Baptists has been answered by Baldwin & Merrill in two distinct publications. They shew no great respect for the man & scruple not to call his book a collection of quibbles, sophistry, & perhaps, like their own, nonsense. I find Worcester is trying to find some books of his own side to supply some matter for an answer. Thus we enquire fairly & dispute with the prejudices we have borrowed & make the old combatants defend us.

Last week was announced the death of Revd. William Symmes of Andover, æt. 75. He was ordained in the north parish in 1759.

During my residence at Wilmington, I found prejudice had branded him with the name of an Arminian among the unknowing ones. He always preserved the manners of high condition & the distance from the people which has characterized the ministers of this Town. Of his pulpit talents I know nothing. As a Speaker he was without animation. A few years ago he suffered the halfway Covenant, which had been adopted under the Cambridge platform, to be abolished in order to bring the discipline of his Church into consent with the South Church under Mr. French, & adopted the baptism of Children only of such as were in full Communion, which induced me to interfere in behalf of a friend. I had no conversation with him on the subject. He had long been infirm. His sons occasioned him much trouble. His predecessor was the G[rand] F[ather] of the present Dr. T. Barnard of Salem & Father of the former minister of the First Church in Salem. Mr. French succeeds Mr. Philips, the ancestor of the late L. Gov. of this State. It has been proposed to revive the preaching in the Work House in this town. It was attempted a few years since & then omitted without any regular communication on the subject. It has been proposed in the evening of Sunday but all have some objections. I consented to assist by preaching once in my turn each season of summer on some day of the week, tho' opposed to all associations for religious worship but on the appointed day. Mr. Symmes of Andover, consented to give up part of his Salary to obtain a colleague. Dr. Dean says he will give up all his salary at the request of his people & then cease to be their minister but will accept of no other terms. The Ministers generally agree that to give up Salaries in old age is a dangerous precedent, as well as to admit colleagues, as they seldom possess the means of a decent support when withdrawn from the pulpit & become too aged for bodily labour.

12. A Meeting of School Committee, present W. B[entley], J. Harthorne, Jona. Mason, Jos. Sprague, D. Bastow, Mr. Maxey, B. Crowninshield. It was agreed that the request of Revd. J. Spaulding should be granted & that a special school for young negro children should be granted, & W. B. & J. H. were chosen a committee to confer with Rev. J. S. & see that the School was established in the best manner. The Com. on the choice of a Schoolmaster for the new School in Northfields. The Committee to build it were Jona. Mason, J. Harthorne, Addison Richardson, & it is to be finished in 90 days. Four candidates offered Mr. Blythe, Dodge, Clark & Handy. The vote was taken by ballot & Mr. Dodge had 6 out of 7 votes. The Bathing house opened for the first time this year.

13. Sent to Ashley Bowen, the worthy Companion of the Immortal Cook in 1759 at Quebec, the third drawing from the pen of my pupil H[annah] C[rowninshield]. The first was from a view of his life compared to the sailing of a Ship. The second was a tree of genealogy till the fourth generation, from the first Bowen who

came to America. The last was a view of all nations representing their regard to the Christian religion by the navigation of their Vessels. In the Center was the Crucifix. And on the right a rough Sketch of St. Michael's Church in Marblehead. In the center I placed a figure compounded of an antient Sea God, with two Children, one climbing and the other on the knee, from Wright. The Church was on the right with ornamental trees, & the Academy on the left among fruit trees. The address was in the first line of this Note on this page.

14. The day of choice of Representatives. Last evening the friends of Sullivan received the report of a Committee & this day the opposition entirely ceased. The Republican list succeeded with 355 votes without opposition. In the same manner at Marblehead & Gloucester, and even Danvers sent but one Representative, N. Felton, by a majority of 19 of the Opposition. Our members are J. Harthorne, W. Cleveland, Josh. Ward, J. Story, W. Stearns, J. Winn, J. Southwick, & as H. Elkins has removed & J. White declined, in their stead, B. Crowninshield & J. Sprague 2d. In Boston, their 27 Reps. were chosen by 880 Votes without opposition. Accounts are of the same character throughout the State.

15. Died in this town, Capt. Zechariah Burchmore, æt. 64. He was a man of wit, probity, & firmness, & inflexible in his attachment to the present administration & the principles he imbibed in the American Revolution.

16. This day was raised & covered, a building in English street, which is to be joined to a barn belonging to the heirs of Stephen Webb & to be appropriated for a place of public worship by the Free Will Baptists now holding to Smith, Jones, Rand, &c. Only 3 persons, two females, have been as yet immersed by the adherents of this party.

17. Sunday. Notes. Daniel Shehane & wife, d. of his mother, pr. for Brother & friends at sea. Sarah Shehane, d. of her M. in Law, pr. for her Husband & friends at Sea. Wid. Mehitabel Hardell, d. of her Sister Shehane, pr. for sons & friends at sea. Wid. Meriam Perkins, pr. for her sick, & for a son at Sea. Died this morning. Jones of the Free Will Baptists preached for the first time in the shed in English street. The Close Communion Baptists dipped several this morning, but the minister, exhausted, stopped at the fifth & deferred the rest till a more pleasant morning. They have been collecting this number during the winter months. They have not reached any very much respected persons & seem to prophecy very illy about the weather tho' they do not profess to be worldly wise. The age of Rev. W[illiam] Symmes D. D. of Andover, is given as 78, & he was ordained in 1759. He had his doctorate at Cambridge. The Character given of him was "what a minister ought to be." He succeeded to Church Power & by reserve he kept it. He had been a tutor of the College. His public Character is

not well hit off in the newspapers. Dr. Cummings preached at the funeral but the Dr. has not his first vigour.

17. At Cambridge, a Senior made an answer to the representation of the undergraduates, under the title of Don Quixottes at Cambridge. They have provided an Answer, a Bone to gnaw, &c. The Students have generally returned but we are told with that face of discontent that will embrace the first opportunities for new disquiets. A want of Confidence is visible. Some hopes are entertained that many of the natives of America will be persuaded to adopt Agricultural pursuits. Contributions are solicited & assurances given, but how far these things are the speculations of Missionaries, or truths of nature, time will settle. So much has been promised & so little done. The Missionaries have so often been adventurers of the worst class that it is difficult to admit many hopes after many serious disappointments. The Senecas have lately asked the settlers not to give undue credit to private Indians, as this conduct produces the greatest evils. The worst part of our character evidently is in our dealings with the Natives of the Country. Avarice, fraud, & inhumanity have a full triumph. I have assisted every good promise, because good is possible, but I have never seen proper men or proper measures to bless the Indians.

18. Was with Mr. J. Harthorne at Mr. Revd. Spaulding's on the subject of the intended School for Negro Children. Chloe Minns, a Mulatto, was introduced & recommended by Mr. S. as the best person to keep such a school. It was left with Mr. S. to provide a place, but the town to be accountable only for the services of the School Mistress. We made no examination relying on Mr. S's good intentions in the affair. This morning died Sarah, wife of Hon. Jacob Crowninshield, after a long & painful confinement. She preëminently deserved this character, that SHE DID NOTHING BUT FROM CONVICTION OF DUTY. She was calm, friendly, dutiful to her father to whom she was an only daughter, in favour with all branches of the numerous families to which she belonged, faithful to her family, kind to her neighbors, & exemplary in the worship of God. She was without affectation in anything & deserves the unfeigned tribute of sincere praise, æt. 34. Educated by Capt. John Derby, who is the only son of the famous Richard Derby, of Salem, now living.

19. The remains of Sarah, D[aughter] of G[eorge] Crowninshield, were removed from the Derby to the new Crowninshield Tomb in the New Ground near Branch Meeting H[ouse]. She has been interred 28 years. Coffins all sound, of pine, locust & mahogany.

23. This day buried Wid. Mehitable Kimball, æt. 85. Another old person from our part of Salem, and this day died the wife of Abijah Hitchins, D[aughter] of my old friend Gardner. She had a paralytic affection several years ago & for several months it has ef-

fecting the brain & she could run on in all the beautiful strains of heaven & hell from the cant she had learned from the enthusiasts around her. She never had any uncommon superstitions but she did it so well in her delirium that the mad folks thought it must be the work of God & wished to be in her condition. But so much other madness mixed it as afterwards staggered them. She was an honest, good wife, & happy in her condition.

24. The Baptist Missionary Society acknowledge the receipt of 400D. towards the purposes of their institution from unknown benefactors. This competition is not without its serious & perhaps favourable consequences in promoting a balance of power.

26. Went to Boston. After I entered I saw the mounted federal youth who formed an escort to Gov. Strong. They were very young so that one of their own friends hoped that the father would accompany him on his return. A Grave old Democrat observed then it would be a true funeral for as children commonly go before the corpses so the old follow it. In the Evening I heard the Missionary sermon after having spent the day chiefly at the Bookstores.

27. Being election day & having a part to take I put myself under the direction of Dr. Eliot & went to Dr. Eckley's. The Sermon was delivered in the Old South. After I entered the Meeting House I had an invitation to dinner from Gov. Strong, dated 18 May. The delivery of the note was the true date of it & I dined with the Gov. Elect, Gov. Sullivan. We had an elegant dinner & several respected friends at the table. The Evening I spent at Dr. Eliot's with some Clergymen.

28. Was the Convention. It being Corpus Christi I heard Mr. Chevreau at the Catholic Chapel before the service of the Convention. Mr. Read of Bridgewater preached. In the Afternoon the votes for Gov. Sullivan were announced & the signal given by ringing of the bells of Christ Church & by firing guns & the ringing continued till midnight. On the preceeding night I was serenaded by persons unknown.

29. At twelve, the Gov[ernor] took the usual oaths & in the customary forms, & cannon were discharged on the Common & on Copp's Hill in Boston, & at Charlestown & Roxbury, & flags [were] displayed with great effect. For the first time I visited Mr. Austin, commonly called Honestus, but did not find him at home tho' I had an opportunity to converse freely with him abroad. This visit gave me many opportunities of extending my political acquaintance. I received no insults from any party & was suffered to pass for the present without abuse. When the Sermon is before the public I shall know whether I am to be exposed to the same licentious abuse which I have already experienced & whether insult will procure me friends. I returned to Salem on Friday evening.

31. Sunday. Note. Abijah Hitchins & Ch., d. of his wife Sarah, pr. for a son at sea. Upon my late visit to Boston my first

enquiry was for Stillman's Library which was advertised for sale. But upon examining the Catalogue I found the vendue Master had taken advantage of this name to sell some of the articles which lay upon his hands & that Dr. Stillman had nothing like a library. In my visits to the Bookstore I found all. Welles is something like a Literary collection, but the other Book stores, which evidently increase, are kept by mere merchants who are guided by the demand altogether & know not the value of publications. I love James White for his integrity. It being Corpus Christi while in Boston, I visited the Catholic Church. I had long had a curiosity to visit the C[hurch] of the Holy Cross & hear Chevreau. He was upon the consolations of the Eucharist, but mere declamation employed this animated speaker. The Missionary Sermon by Mr. Parish was a compilation of all the extravagancies which would disgrace the dark ages. We have nothing to promise ourselves from the devotees who compose the Massachusetts Missionary Society. I had a long interview with Dr. Eliot who gave me the first information of the attack I had in the Anthology of December last, for my Sermon in Hingham. At the Convention we had a long Sermon with many liberal & incoherent matters & the performance lasted above an hour and an half. The Contribution fell short 100 Dollars of the sum obtained last year. Dr. Eliot ascribed this to the uncommon calls of some persons & to the death of a man busy on such occasions. Perhaps he might have been as near the truth had he said, a party no longer feel the necessity of courting a religious order which could not keep from the chair of the Chief Magistrate, a man who had been dismissed from all their honours, & from the Chair of L. Gov. A man who had boldly dared to arraign them before the public for their mean interference in political transactions. It must not be said that the Clergy are or have been mean tools, that they who cannot with all their strength cut with them, have thrown them aside.

June 2 [1807]. We learn that usual ceremonies of Artillery Election were performed, on account of the weather, in the new Fanueil Hall. This day I enjoyed at Spring pond, by travelling round the pond, & a dish of coffee at Shillaber's. I found Capt. Duval & Mr. P. Oliver angling. The Alewives were seen in great abundance round the pond. The spring faintly impregnated & feebly flowing. Earth full of water. Plowing up the wood waxon with which the land abounds.

3. All branches of the Government filled & majorities in every branch in favour of the present administration. Dr. Baldwin is Chaplain to the house and the Senate. The active part which the Ministers of the Congregational Churches have taken against the administration is the sole cause of this extraordinary event.

5. Yesterday we had the news of the death of Capt. George Ropes. He was washed overboard in his passage from the Mediterranean to Lisbon. He has left a wife & 9 children, & two of them

deaf and dumb. One of them [George Ropes] has been instructed in Painting by Mr. Corné with some success & is at man's estate, the other quite young. Capt. G. Ropes in 1798 determined to leave the sea & bought a farm at Orford, N. H. & removed in that year. But the habits of a country life & a wish to provide better for his children brought him back to Salem, the place of his nativity, in 1801. He has hitherto prospered but his death will be severe to a large & rising family.

6. We had the speech of our New Governour Sullivan with the favourable Comments of the wretches who during the Electioneering Campaign pronounced him unable to write a sentence of English. Affairs succeed agreeably in our Legislature in all branches. The Matter of a State Bank has been proposed & committed after some debate. Some were for rejecting it altogether. Others thought it ought to be well understood. 500 copies are to be printed of the Bill for the use of the members.

8. We begin to have warm weather & it begins violently. Gov. Sullivan's Speech has appeared & has not excited great contempt as his political enemies intended. They even pretend to praise it.

9. Application in turn to preach the Annual Sermon before the Female Charitable Society in Salem. Some late difficulties have become serious to this Institution. The Nine Female Children subject to its care have been entrusted lately to a woman who is represented for the purpose of her avarice to have withholden necessary food from them. Enquiries have been made but not with full satisfaction in the result as there never can be when both parties are not without friends & when the public jealousies are awakened. The strict economy required by the managers, when directed by ignorance & avarice, may have a terrible appearance before those who see the poor daily supplied abundantly with food, when they really are in want of everything besides.

10. An excessively hot day, especially as a contrast to our cold spring.

11. I made my first visit at Nahant for the season with a pupil. Mrs. W. & her daughter gave us the pleasure of their company. At the Swallow Island we were very successful in our fishing. The afternoon we spent in visiting the different parts of the Great Nahant. From the Bason we past the Round Rock to Shallop Cove, then visited Boston Fishing place through the hole in the Rocks, the small natural bridge, the Coke Rock, & the Sand cove, passed to Swallow Rock, & then over Sand beach through the Willow Grove we returned to Friend Breed's to Coffee, & returned to Salem after Seven P. M. The air was better this day than on the preceeding. Everything well.

12. As I passed on the neck on the S. W. side of the Beacon hill near its foot, & not far from the cross roads, I saw the diggers had entered upon the hearth of a wigwam. About six feet square & 6

inches deep, it was a mixture of ashes & shells, which the sand had covered by blowing, without verdure. It was first noticed by feeling how hot it was when disturbed. I took a fair specimen away with me & saw the earth removed from this spot.

14. Sunday. Notes. Last Sunday, Abijah Hitchins & ch., d. of his wife, pr. Son & Br. at sea. This Sunday, Seeth Ropes & children, d. of husband Capt. G[eorge] Ropes drowned at sea, pr. Brethren at Sea. Samuel Ropes & wife, d. of his Brother, pr. Son & Brother at Sea. Sarah Millet & children, d. of Son in Law G. Ropes, pr. for friends at sea.

17. Our Militia review & a fine day. A little Company of Youths appeared in Military parade with their hangers, & afforded pleasure to the inhabitants by their good order & exercises. Mr. Thacher with me upon the subject of the Lynn Celebration of St. John & the consecration of Mount Carmel Lodge in that place.

18. This day Mr. Samuel Fowler Junr. was with me & informed that in April last, one mile from Beverly Upper Meeting House towards Danvers & about 150 rods from Brown's seat westward inland, always used as pasture, which he purchased last Feb., in digging rocks they found 8 pieces of Silver, of which four he obtained for my inspection, 6 inches under the soil by the side of a flat rock, 1 James & 3 Elizabeth. The spot is a rod from the road leading from Beverly to Middleton. The three are dated 1563, 1569, 1574. Elizabeth. The James is of a larger size, and dated 1615.

20. It is to be noticed than on 17, in the Military parade appeared a Company of Children in uniform. A Standard was presented & the usual addresses imitated with pleasing effect. Francis Clark does the honors of Captain. The Knights of Malta & Templars, the Rose & Cross, are to have their first public encampment at Dorchester on the festival of St. John this month. The novelty excites much attention. The persons who have introduced these orders are men totally unacquainted with their history, as by an early and intimate acquaintance with them I fully discovered, & are of no particular political party & not in the least aware of any political consequences from the associations.

21. Sunday. Note. Wid. Eunice Richardson, d. of her Br. W. Putnam Esq., æt. 76, of Sterling, pr. for a Son at Sea. We have a house of public worship at stated times on Sunday for the Free Will Baptists in English street. It is small, of one story but fitted with seats & windows. The Universalists preached their second Sunday in Concert Hall over the New Market this day. It is said they have determined on stated worship for the season.

23. The virulence of abuse from the Salem Gazette. So many causes of destruction are seldom employed against one man. I was told at my appointment that my E[lection] S[ermon] should be abused, before it could be imagined what might be its contents. But I must attribute this form of abuse to the part I take in the Salem Register.



CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE SALEM MARINE SOCIETY.

This certificate was engraved in 1790 by Samuel Hill, of Boston, after a drawing by Abijah Northey Jr., of Salem.

The upper half shows Salem harbor as seen from the South Fields, with Stage Point on the right and Crowninshield's Wharf at the left. The ship yard of Enos Briggs, who built many famous vessels between 1790 and 1819, was located in the foreground. Below are shown the process of "screwing" fish; a vessel at the graving dock; a vessel off shore with a boat landing fish to be taken to the flakes; and the launching of a vessel.

24. This day is to be the first encampment of Knights of N. E. at Dorchester & this day the G[rand] L[odge] of Mass. is to install Mount Carmel Lodge in Lynn. Having a part assigned to me, & at the repeated request of the Lodge, I went to Lynn. The procession moved from the Hotel after eleven & after passing the length of the plain returned on the North side of the Church. Several hundred of the Brethren were present & a numerous crowd of spectators. The order of the Service was printed. An ode, the prayer, an ode, the Sermon by Mr. Eaton of Christ Church, Boston. Installation & consecration, an Ode & benediction by Revd. Frothingham of Lynn. We then returned to the Hotel at half past three & there had an elegant dinner, appropriate toasts, the master mason's song, & the G. L. retired. I then returned with my H. to Salem, having spent a pleasant day. We had several of our brethren, Clergymen, present. No pains were spared in the decorations. Four pines supported the stage on which the grand lodge was seated & a festoon of greens & flowers was in front of the canopy of the pulpit. The Hall was decorated by a rich festoon that passed the whole length of the Hall & by two pines which were on each side of the seat of the G[rand] M[aster] besides such profusion of flowers in each part as gave a richness & an elegance to the whole. The table was richly spread & with everything in the best order. The attendance was ample & the satisfaction Universal. The M[ost] W[orshipful] Timothy Bigelow did the honours of the day. The D. G. M. was Gen. Simon Eliot of Boston, P. G. M. Thomas was in G. Lodge.

26. Mr. Spaulding has succeeded in opening his school for young negroes. He has collected 40 scholars & promises himself great success. The expences are borne by the town. A Mr. [John H.] Read in a pompous manner had an exhibition of his children in the Court House this week. Great preparations were made for the entertainment. Tickets were distributed & many persons collected. Of the advantages from such exhibitions, to literature, & to manners, I am in great doubt.

27. Numerous surveys for a turnpike from Andover to Salem. Three routes have been proposed. Already the turnpike from the Merrimac [river] to Boston, through the south parish of Andover, has been executed. It passes to Medford & then on the Medford turnpike to Boston. It lessens the distance several miles. The Andover turnpike is proposed as far as Felton's corner below [the] Endicott [farm] & then the remainder of the route left to Danvers, from the different opinions which prevail in that place & the rival interests. We begin to talk of a bridge over Bass river from Ellingwood's head to Orne point* & of a bridge from planter's marsh near the present Beverly bridge to the Salem Neck touching between Spring cove & Roach's point. The one will open a communication with the Northfields & the other with the lower wharves. The

*This bridge finally was built in 1907-8, a century later.

South river bridge remains unfinished from the want of a system to support the expenses.

28. At Lynn, in conversation with Mr. Bowers of the Episcopal Church of Marblehead, I had a conversation with him on the subject of permitting candidates to omit or exchange certain forms of prayer. After we left the house I was attacked by a Mr. May,* on the subject of Expunging the Scriptures. Such perversion of our conversation from this uncouth creature, a minister of Marblehead, induced me to tell him that he was a puppy, a language which I thought best to excuse after Mr. Bowers had told him that he had forgotten the subject of the conversation. My apology was that it had become unsafe to converse in the presence of some men & that all who did were sure to suffer from their rashness. Caution very necessary. At Andover they have heard the pall holders† & are next Sunday to hear a Mr. Allen upon probation. He is a son of Revd. Allen of Pittsfield & at a late fast was recommended by all the association. Dr. Symmes spoke very favourably of Mr. Willard, a candidate & intimate friend, & chamber mate of my late pupil B. Hodges. Sincerely attached. Smith & Company have their little house prepared for their meetings in the East part of the town. They have been joined with the worst of men who profess reformation. One of them, as bad as the worst & long habits could make him, & reduced to poverty by indolence & dissipation, declared that he had not only been a Soldier of the Devil but his Lord High Admiral. All these conversions are instantaneous. Judge Case has reached Boston, to take the place of Dr. Stillman. It is said that when Judge Sullivan, now Governour, went to hear him preach at his first visit to Boston, that coming out of the house of worship Judge Sullivan accosted Judge Cass, see what a Judge can do. To which Mr. Case replied see what the Grace of God can do. It needs no comments. When at the meeting of the Congregational Society of Ministers a new president was chosen in the place of Judge Sullivan, who was rejected to gratify a political party, Dr. B[arnard] of Salem made a motion that Mr. S[ullivan] should have the thanks of the Society for his long & faithful services. Judge S. rose & said he hoped that no member would support that motion, for should such a vote pass the world might suspect some political cause why such a man should be rejected & the society be blamed for putting him out after having faithfully served them.

Mr. Gideon Blackburn is with us from the Cherokee Indians. He represents that he has been very successful in teaching their children & shewed some very favourable specimens of their hand writing. He says that it is his object to introduce agricultural pursuits & that he encourages their hopes that they may become a real part of the Union & have their representatives in the Legislature of the

*Rev. H Ezekiah May.

†The pall holders at the funeral of Rev. William Symmes, who preached in his pulpit in succession in accordance with the custom at that time.

Union. He exhibited a list of 40 who were in one of his schools, to all of whom he had given, at the request of their parents, English names. He pretends not to converse in their language & utterly discourages it in their schools. He tells them that to become one people they should have only one language. He says their language is guttural, with a singular accent upon the last syllable. That he had given some specimens to Dr. Barton of Philadelphia. He does not appear to be a theorist in language but he is a man of good person, of perseverance, & disposed to answer the purpose of his mission.

29. This morning I left Salem for Andover, intending to take the road from Lindall's corner over Northfields through Middleton, but by turning to the right & passing by Dr. A[mos] Putnam's I went a mile out of the way. I found the road much repaired & good excepting only $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Tavern beyond Middleton Meeting House. As soon as we entered Andover we found that the worms had made sad destruction among the Apple trees, but on other accounts the country looked favourably. At Mr. Parker's I found Mr. R. Stone & his sister Dunlap & at tea we formed a party of thirteen all from my own parish in Salem. The three M. Silsbee's & mother joined us, as did Mrs. Hodges with her four daughters. The parish are preparing to settle a minister. The two Mr. Bernards, father & Son, & Dr. Symmes have successively kept the parish in great harmony & no religious sect has violated it. The last of the Mr. Bernard's was G Father to the present Dr. B. of Salem, whose Father was in the ministry first at Newbury & then at Salem.

30. We rode to visit a Miss Dodge of our Society at a Mr. Abbot's about a mile from the south meeting H. of Andover. We found great neatness & a very civil reception. On the left as we passed we found Mr. Abbot erecting a new Mill which was to assist a Cotton Manufactory. The paper mill on the Shawshin was on our right not half a mile from us. The paper made at this mill improves in quality & some will be at comparison with the better qualities of English paper. Just below the South Meeting in Andover, we touched the Turnpike from the Merrimac river to Boston. I saw no other improvements. The Academy in the North Parish has not the good appearance of the South, being but of one story & of a very simple form. Its situation is good but not so elevated as that in the South & it is not so well endowed. It is said the Children pay hither-to all the expences of the Institution. We found upon the road the Committee of the Subscribers for the Turnpike from Andover to Salem. Three routes have been proposed & we were assured that the Southern was accepted. This passes near Easties Tavern, not far from the Old road in Middleton, & goes down to Felton's farm below Endicott's old farm. The Work has begun near the Merrimac & the bridge is to be erected on Stone piers. It is said that the work will be managed with great spirit & admit no delays. One of the Referees on the price of lands through which

it passed, informed me that the competitions had produced great content in the minds of those in favour of whom the route was determined, & that they had consented to the terms which had been offered. We crossed the Newbury Port turnpike & came out on Topsfield road above new Mills at Lendall's corner [Dancers] as we proposed. Gen. Lovejoy told me that Dr. Cummings preached Dr. Symmes' funeral Sermon & not Mr. Stone as Mr. Symmes had proposed. But that the sermon would not probably be printed as little of it was written for the occasion & Mr. Stone declined on account of age. Mr. French of the south parish was unable to attend the funeral. Dr. Cummings is the most distinguished man of the neighbourhood in regard to his natural powers & acquired knowledge.

July 2, 1807. We are again alarmed by British aggressions on our Coast. The Chesapeake Frigate of the U. S. A. of 38 guns, sailed from the Chesapeake on June 22, was stopped by an English Frigate named the Leopard, & several men demanded. Upon a declaration that no such men were in the ship, the Leopard discharged several broadsides into the American Frigate, killed 3 men, & wounded 18, & the American Frigate struck. She was much damaged. After the men were taken the Frigate was left to take her own course & the English Frigate returned to her anchorage on the coast where she had laid with two English two deckers. What will be the consequence of these frequent insults from the British time will discover, the American spirit is roused & ready for vengeance. We have one mind on the subject.

4. The day of the celebration of the National Independence. We had no public orations or public dinners. We had a splendid military parade, ringing of bells, & discharging of cannon. The several military corps dined by themselves in different places, as they could be accommodated. Gov. Sullivan, agreeably to the sense of the Legislature, attended prayers at the Brattle Street Church. The prayers were by Dr. Baldwin, the Chaplain of the State Legislature. This is the first time of such an appointment & it is expected will be a precedent for future occasions.

5. Sunday. This day notes were sent by the minister of the Tabernacle requesting the ministers to notify their respective congregations respecting the intentions of Mr. Blackburn, a Missionary from the Cherokees, to preach a sermon at six o'clock in the evening & to solicit Charitable aid to his mission. I forgot my aversions to such lectures & to such assemblies as I should meet & attended. He was in his text upon the subject of the White Horse in John's Vision, & took the liberty of a free rant upon the crucifixion, resurrection, heaven, devils & whatever came in his way. At the close he informed us that he had 40 scholars & could have many more. That they prayed, did write,

read, &c. Upon the whole from a very crowded house he collected about three hundred dollars. I admire the benevolence of the plan but could wish the Gospel had a more able friend in such a promising situation.

6. The Register for this day did not appear from the embarrassed state of the Office, want of an Editor, want of help and from the inattention of a Committee more competent for anything than a printing press. I am the more earnest for greater care as the persecution of all who aid it has not scrupled the most unworthy means & continues to betray a most malignant disposition. The plea of the youth who prints was the public services of military duty he must perform on 4 July. It has roused more attention to the Office.

7. Mr. N. Ward furnished me with a Mns. statement of a controversy between himself & Gen. E. H. Derby during the elections of the past year. The controversy related to some censures cast upon Mr. Sullivan by said Derby. Mr. N. Ward informed Mr. Sullivan & received the following answer:

Boston, May 10, 1806. Sir: it is now 7 o'clock P. M. & your letter dated the 8th is this moment handed to me. Though I have not the pleasure of an acquaintance with you, I am not the least obliged by the interest you take in my character. I have heard many things which Gen. Derby has said of me behind my back, & which he dared not say to my face, but as I do not mean to treat him basely behind his back in the manner he has done to me, I omit making any observations to you on the subject. In regard to the slander uttered by him, as stated in your letter, I have to say, that as to the approbious reproaches of thief & swindler, I do not regard them. It is true he is in public life, but he is as publickly known to be a man quite deficient in point of education, an illiterate man, destitute of all the honourable feelings necessary to the character of a Gentleman. I am not afraid of his injuring me, when I am known by reproaches of this kind. As to the other slander, it appears to be a statement of facts, which if not true, it is within my power to contradict. "I had endeavoured to cheat him of eleven acres of land. I had taken away eleven acres of his land for a Canal & had refused to pay him anything therefor. I had procured a law to be made to do this." Derby knows this to be an absolute lie, & none but a dirty, base fellow would tell such an infamous falsehood. The Corporation for the Canal was passed in the year 1793. I own 15 shares out of 800. John Lane owned many more & was a director. The project was to meet Mystic river with it. A year or two after, another act was petitioned for (against my opinion) to bring the Canal to Charles river. Lane then agreed, nay urged to have it come through Temple farm, which he then owned, & agreed as it was understood, that we should have the land at the same price

we gave in Royall's estate adjoining. Lane failed, & the estate, after the canal was laid out & partly finished, came into Derby's hands. He would not recognise the agreement. The acts made provision like that of the Salem Turnpike to take the land at an appraisement. Derby procured a committee, we were ready to pay the sum they awarded. He appealed to a jury. They raised it a trifle. We were ready to pay it but there was an error about bridges in the verdict, as two of the jury testified. The verdict was set aside on that account. In all this I refused even to act as counsel against Derby. The proprietors hired Timo. Bigelow & C. Gore. Derby then proposed to B. Joy & J. Joy to compromise as to the bridges, & to take the money awarded by the Jury. A majority of the directors opposed it. J. was one only of thirteen & prevailed on the others to comply with his proposal. I drew the form of the deed & contract in regard to the bridges. The habendum of the deed was like all others we have taken "To have & to hold to the Proprietors, their heirs & successors." W. Sullivan who was Derby's attorney, informed me that he wished a limitation so long as the Canal should remain. I told him as he would be obliged to swear, that I had no objection if the other Directors had none, & it was done. To all these facts, excepting that of my inducing the directors to comply with Derby's proposal, he is well knowing. And therefore a man who would be base enough to propagate such a lie as that related in your letter must be an infamous fellow. I do not mean to say anything of that man but what I would say to him & you therefore will, if you please, show him this letter & you will also communicate it to those who heard him utter the slander. I am with regard, your very humble servant, signed, Ja. Sullivan.

After this Derby circulated a report that he had received a letter from Mr. Sullivan in which he apologised for his letter, which induced Mr. Ward to make enquiries & these brought another letter from Judge Sullivan.

Boston, June 21, 1806. Sir: Your letter of yesterday was handed me open. You therein enquire, whether a report circulating as you say in Salem, that I had made concessions to Hasket Derby since I received your letter is true. I have had no communication directly or indirectly in words or writing with him since I answered your letter of the 8 of May. In that you informed me that Derby had publicly said that I had endeavoured to cheat him out of eleven acres of land for the Middlesex Canal. In answer to that I told you that if he said that, he said what was absolutely false & he knew it to be so for there was no colour or pretext for such a calumny. I have never retracted nor will I ever retract this assertion. At a meeting of the directors of the Canal Corporation, the day before yesterday, I appealed to them on the question whether such a charge as that which you

wrote me Derby had made, was not false & groundless, and whether my conduct towards him had not been always fair & generous. Derby knows there is no ground for such a calumny. I am with regards, your humble servant, signed, Ja. Sullivan.

This Derby is the eldest son of the celebrated merchant in Salem & has been promoted on the civil & military list. The reputation of the family procured him his office as Brig. General, & he wished by some indirect means to be higher. Last year he was in the Senate, but he is retiring from all his honours as rapidly as he ascended, but more deservedly. His conduct on the day of our last elections for the State was shameful in the extreme. His friends pity him & the world are not quite so kind to him. This evening I spent with Hon J. C[rowninshield] at his farm in Danvers, in company with several other Gentlemen. We were handsomely refreshed from the luxuries of a Garden which the heirs of Mr. Derby have sold to him.

8. This day we received the Excellent proclamation of the President refusing all intercourse with British Armed Ships on our Coasts, but with such fine statements of the aggressions & with such clauses in favour of humanity as must give this State paper the highest value in the history of such important transactions as have occasioned it. We continue to have proofs of unexampled firmness in all our great Cities & the numbers assembled far exceed those of any former occasion.

9. I was with the large family of Lane upon the water. We took fish & landed in Doliber's cove & had our entertainment. In the evening we returned after a most pleasant & innocent scene. Our company exceeded twenty in number, of all ages.

10. Agreeably to a notification from the Town Officers, this day the Inhabitants of Salem met on the subject of British Aggressions & in consequence of an address from Norfolk. Col. Lee, our Collector, was Moderator, & several resolves were passed on the occasion in concurrence with the sentiments of the day. I spent the day in Northfields. Dined on the Silsbee lands & took tea with a numerous party of my neighbours on the same grounds. I passed the cross road laid out by Dr. Walter through the Lynde estate from the Horse pasture great road to the North river. And then to a parallel road by Felt's to the old Wharf. Then the river road parallel to the Old road from Orne's point onward westward to the road from Northfield Bridge to Danvers. It is opened as far as the Silsbee lot from Orne's point. The hill reserved in common near Peter's, Goodale now Cold & Liberty Spring, has now under the name of Liberty hill become devoted to public Festive Scenes & this 4 July is the third public meeting known to me. The Spring flows freely with the best water discharging 60 gallons in a minute. I passed to the Spring through Orne's, now Foster's farm, & returned by the bridge into Horse pasture road,

& by master Watson's land to the Silsbee lot. In addition to Col. Cushing's farm house, is Felt's large Square house of 3 stories, besides a Dwelling house at the Wharf. Mr. Watson's house is finishing, & many buildings are add'd towards the Great road. Westward of it going on North river, near Paradise so called, Capt. Mason last week entered his new house. The School house at the cross roads is nearly finished & they expect to succeed in a Bridge from Beverly to Orne's point. The improvements are great & the rise of lands is very great since my acquaintance with these fields. Our young female friends enjoyed themselves with great good humour.

11. The Town of Marblehead has in a spirited manner adopted the prevailing opinions of the British aggressions & we have assurances that the Revenue Cutter on board of which was Gen. Clinton, the Vice-President of the United States, was fired upon by the Squadron under Commadore Douglas, to whose fleet the Leopard belonged.

12. Sunday. Notes. Lydia Smith, delivery, pr. for husband & sons at Sea. Last week died at Reading, the Revd. John Mellen, æt. 86. He has been a man of some reputation, but from something rude in his manners & over bearing in his temper he has not had the influence he might have gained. He was born at Hopkinton, Mass. in 1722 & graduated at Cambridge in 1741. He was ordained in 1744 at Sterling, then called Choxatt, & a parish of Lancaster. There the rigour of his discipline became a plea for a resentment which he raised against himself by his opposition to the spirit of the American revolution. From Sterling he removed to Cambridge & tarried several years, preaching occasionally, till in 1784, he was invited to Hanover where he continued to preach till the death of his wife & his infirmities above a year since (1805) obliged him to leave the ministry & retire to his daughter's, the Widow of Caleb Prentice, late Minister at Reading. Mr. M[ellen] had a good person but in the pulpit his delivery was not attractive. He has left a large volume of sermons printed before the war when such publications were rare, & they had their share of favour at the time of their publication but never an extensive circulation & now are little known. His occasional sermons had that kind of approbation which does not give long life to publications. He brought up a large family who had the true manners of their Father. The eldest son was a Tutor of Cambridge, then minister of Barnstable, now living in Cambridge. He has sons in the law & physic. The daughters are somewhat masculine but the family are respectable. In conversation the Father was overbearing & affected a coarse wit which betrayed little feeling & little judgment & more of a disposition to wound than instruct. He had that Egotism which sometimes is forgiven, but never when from neglect of others rather than re-

gard of ourselves. He was a man I never did love & yet never did despise. He took rank among the first of his day. In Boston, died Mr. Thomas Pemberton, one of the first members of the Mass. Hist. Society & to whom we are indebted for the account of Boston in the papers of that Society. He was a useful member & died in the 78 year of his age. Mr. Allen is a candidate at Andover but his feeble voice is against him.

16. This day was a public parade of the African Society. About 50 appeared & most of them from Boston. After moving in procession through the principal streets they entered the Branch Meeting House & a Sermon was preached by Mr. Spaulding, the minister of the Congregation. As no proper notification was made of the Contribution, few were prepared. The Assembly was chiefly of very young persons as proper care had not been taken to inform of the nature of the Ceremonies or the design of the institution. The members were no dishonour to the African race.

19. Sunday. Notes. Joshua Dodge & wife, d. of his Sister at Boston, pr. for a Son at sea. J. Dodge's sister was the Widow of the late Merchant Andrew Cabot of Beverly. Henry Perkins, d. of his Mother, th. for safe return from sea. We had a meeting of the African society from Boston & a Sermon was delivered to them in the Branch Meeting House & the Children of the African School appeared. Mr. Spaulding preached in his way & is deeply & humanely interested in the promotion of the Blacks. He thinks there is a great reformation among them. I do not know in what it consists. Reports are not favourable to the Blacks who visited us from Boston, upon their return homewards.

20. The 100,000 men to be raised in the United States gives us 140 to be raised in Salem. Never was public opinion more unsettled than at the present moment. The best are undetermined about war or peace & a universal stagnation of business has ensued. The state of British credit in this Country will not long allow of this state. Too many are great by their dependance, not to be restless at such an hour. The administration discovers no want of courage or conduct. This day by the way of Wenham & Topsfield upon the Newbury Turnpike I went & took coffee at the Lynnfield hotel. I found the fields looked glad, the grass was abundant, & the orchards loaded with fruit.

21. We have had several failures in Salem. Strangers with small debts & little industry, more scheming than wise, & better acquainted with beggar making shops than the exchange, have given the slip to the credulous men who have trusted them. No place suffers less from this conduct than Salem.

22. This day departed from life Widow Margaret Swasey who finished her hundredth year in February last as noticed at that time. She was abroad on Friday the 17th instant & pursued her employment in making tape till Monday. She then began to

fail, became feverish, could not free the throat from phlym & speak clearly. On Tuesday her case was doubtful, a swelling came on the side of the face & her case more doubtful. Still she was feeling as if for her work, and was strong enough to raise herself by seizing anything which was in the hands of any person near her. Appearances of mortification came on this morning & in the evening before nine o'clock she died. Her exit was with difficult respiration, which became less towards the end. She had never been helpless in any time of life & her son æt. 76, says he never knew her to be sick. Some times she would complain of a headache but such as would not take her from her family cares. She had never rheumatism, fever or a wound. Nearly 20 years she has had a cancer on the right side of the nose but it did not finally prove injurious to her not having enlarged its excrescences for many years. She was chearful, honest, open & diligent till the last. She was born in Marblehead & came early to Salem. Not much informed, sober, chearful but not given to superstitions, fears or practices. In the latter part of life she went to bed early, & slept much, & as quietly as a child. She had no preference for any food of a particular quality. Being always temperate she could enjoy her frugal meal upon whatever charity or her means put in her way. Such were facts as they appeared to me upon frequent visits. This day we had news of the death of Revd. Joseph McKeen D. D., President of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. He was born at Londonderry, N. H., educated at Dartmouth College & ordained in Beverly, 1786. Three years since he removed to the College. He was a corpulent & appeared a firm man, but has lately been very feeble & died 15 July, æt. 50. He gave great satisfaction & possessed that prudence which is safe in political alliances, covered in theology, indulgent in philosophy, & preserves a silent friendship for morals when the system of morals requires no vindication.

23. This day appeared the first no. of the Essex Register. Our good old Salem Register is now melted with the pewter of the Friend & no man can tell what wretched hotch potch it must make. Mr. Blighdon alias Blithe,* is not now given out as editor, but assistant, & we are to be entertained with the full dress of the foppery of nonsense, while the Kikero of eloquence is to infuse the soporiferous essence of his bombast conceit & folly. What a thing it must be. What a rickety child with so many diseases at its birth & so much misery from its parents. Upon conversation with Mr. S. Swasey, only son & surviving child of Margaret Swasey, I find that she married at 23 years of age & lost her husband in four years after marriage. She was remarkably temperate, seldom using anything but water with animal food. When the custom of using coffee & tea obtained, she readily

*See ante, Nov. 4, 1806.

adopted it & continued it till the close of life. She had two children one of which, Margaret Lazell, died lately.

25. Mr. G. Crowninshield junr., instead of the loose stones which were around the beacon on the height of the Neck below Salem, has this day finished a more permanent work. Upon a square of 9 feet of solid stone work on the ground, he has raised a brick cone of 12 feet by which a good appearance is preserved & convenient seats are provided for all who amuse themselves at that place, or look out for vessels. The work is solid. The whole was finished & the materials provided in less than two days*. The expedient did not succeed as the new Editors of the Register expected. By adding Essex instead of Salem & holding B[lythe] as Editor or assistant, as they call him, they could not keep the subscribers to the Friend & have suffered from their mean & shuffling compliances.

26. Sunday. Notes. Samuel Swasey & children, d. of his Mother Margaret Swasey, æt. 100.

27. The Keel of the Ship, building by Magoon & Co. on the entrance of the Neck, laid.

29. The detachment of men for our compliment has been made & the Cadets & two light infantry companies have offered their services as volunteers in the cause of their country, so that in Salem we are not behind our neighbours. This day one of the most agreeable which our Climate admits. The Bar[ometer] at 30, & Th[ermometer] at 76. The breeze free from S.W. The Showers numerous & vegetation rapid & health almost universal. More parties were abroad this day than I have ever seen by land & water. The heights on both sides of our harbour were white by the dress of their female visitors while the boats in every direction safely enjoyed the breezes which continued through the day.

30. Another fine day which I spent at Nahant, at which place I found many persons from Boston. Roxbury, & Watertown & the neighbouring towns. Mr. Williams told me that Mr. Perkins & others of Boston, bought little tautaug at Boston, brought round from Rhode Island in the boats constructed for our fish, & put them at liberty in Boston harbour. That nothing was heard of them for some time, but afterwards they were taken, first at Nahant & then at other places. They were entirely unknown here till within a few years & are most freely taken at Essex Bridge where they have been seen every year for several years.

31. We hear of the capture of our friends abroad for going from one enemies' port to another. The British conduct with a sovereignty which alarms all nations. As the French Fleets are out it is expected that the French will correct their vanity. A man carrying Bills amounting to 13,000 D. to a Bank in Maine,

*Long known as "Bentley's Rock". See Bentley's Diary, Vol. I, page XXVIII.

gave out that he was robbed & offered a thousand dollars reward for detecting the robber who fired into his Chaise. The same man has been apprehended at Boston as guilty of a fraud in this report & as having concealed the Bills. His property is attached.

August 1 [1807]. Dr. Amos Putnam was born while Danvers was a part of Salem & lived long a reputable man in the practice of physic. Like most of our Physicians he knew little of the theory of Physic but his discretion had given him an influence & usefulness which distinguished him. He lived at the brook which divides the Parish & had extensive practice. We had two persons baptised by immersion in our part of the Town this morning by the Free Willers. Mr. Rand officiated on this occasion. We cannot conceive of a sect in a lower state of degradation in point of talents, converts & superstitious virulence. But they are a check to the spiritual pride of the Calvinistic Baptists & so not without some good. It is not the doctrine, but the condition of these sects which is a disgrace to them.

4. Mr. T[homas] Williams who died lately, came very early to this country & at 19 married a woman who was in the family of his master, Capt. F. Boardman. She was a Wid. Symmes & g. d. of the late M. Swasey who died at 100 years. He then married a Smith who soon died & then a Wid. Cotton who was a Babbidge & who was educated under a schoolmistress, her g. mother, who died at 90 y. of age. Mr. Williams lived 19 years after his first marriage and is a rare example of a man dying at 38 having had three wives. Our females, from the dangers of the sea, might often see such changes but they are rare with husbands. We might conjecture while fact says the contrary. I can find only one woman with three husbands on the Mortality list & 7 males. The female died at 63, & had only her last marriage in Salem. The males are Stephen Webb at 74, Tytler at 58, J. Becket at 58, Gen. Fiske at 53, Goss at 53, Ashby at 41, & Capt. T. Williams at 38.

7. In Boston they have agreed upon the terms on which the Mill pond shall be filled. This is more interesting to me as my G. F. who educated me, Mr. Paine, had the care of the Mills during my education & this spot is very familiar to me. The Cape Ann Grist Mills expect to profit from the shutting up of the Boston Mill pond, as many of the Fishermen from Squam have their corn ground in Boston when they are at that place with their fish. The poor suffer much at Cape Ann since the loss of Mr. Gray's ship, as the inhabitants, at the cheapest rate, have obtained a full supply of India coarse cloaths & no demand is for spinning & weaving. They now wish for no more wrecks.

9. Sunday. Notes. Elizabeth Williams & Children, d. of her husband. John Babbidge & wife, d. of their Brother in law Williams. In Boston they had their dedication last week of the third

Baptist Meeting, for they do not reckon the third, Mr. Paul's Negro Baptist, tho' entitled to some rank among them. This Sect made its first appearance here in the times of Cromwell, but was odious to the Puritans. It however gained strength enough to raise a small house upon the Mill pond as early as 1679. Of its first preachers little is known as no regular accounts were kept. Father Calendar & Son were known to my G. Father as the Elder was his Mother's uncle & was so called. Father & Son were pipe makers & diligent uninformed mechanics. They first assumed some respectability when they sent for Mr. Condy, who was from the society of James Foster, one of the first & best preachers of his time but of a temper too far improved for the Baptists in New England, who were not the milder or better for persecution. Condy was not with them four years before a second Church was formed under Mr. Bownd, who was a Leather Breeches maker & a man whom I can remember. The society continued small till the present Pastor Mr. Baldwin, who was a Blacksmith, but from various causes has risen to be the leader of the Sect in New England, in which its followers are numerous but not yet respectable. Condy soon found that the second Baptists would ruin his Society if they were suffered to settle a popular preacher & such an one offered who preached in the second society for a year, the well known Dr. S. Stillman, & therefore he resigned to him the first Church & continued a Bookseller in Boston. Stillman had talents for a popular assembly & a decency of manners to secure respect, but he had no science, no powers of investigation, no ability at Controversy, no respect from the press. In 1771, the old house which had stood 90 years, was too small & too mean, & the present building was erected. Tho' Boston has much increased, the real Baptists had not increased as had the Methodists, but the third Church is an effort to direct a population to the western part of the town. At the First Church they have supplied themselves with a Judge Clay, but of his probable character & success I am not yet informed. Very much has been calculated upon him but I expect not with the greatest probability of answering their expectations. We had two persons plunged by the Free Willers in this town last week.

11. Several papers in Boston take a decided part against our own Country in favour of the British. We cannot censure in a free country a critique upon public men & measures. But when an opposition arises against the prevailing sense of a nation & has recourse only to equivocation, a design is betrayed which does no honour to the writer. While the British distribute a part of their plunder to justify it, it is not to be wondered that a small share for faithful services should fall to our country. So trifling are the guiltless that no man for nothing would undertake to propose them. All the talents of a faction are engaged to put dark-

ness for light & bitter for sweet, but they have not occasioned an abatement of zeal, because the attacks are indirectly.

14. An attack upon the Criticism of Dumficht in the Gazette.* This is one of the mean efforts of the disappointed Son of the Ex Secretary Pickering. The restless ambitions of this man, who has tried every character without success, will not suffer the humblest to rest that does not, as Mordecai to Haman, bow down to serve him.

15. Many papers in Boston begin to speak more openly their attachments to Great Britain & all its measures. Nothing American escapes censure. No facts are allowed to speak against them. The general wish is to avoid a war but the doubt is about the means. The Patriots think a bold front the most honorable & most safe. Time will soon discover. Burr's trial still suffers delays & they at present appear justified. We have had uncommon rains & our health continues uninterrupted. Business seems much interrupted but our Ships continue to arrive. Selleck Osborn has begun his career & he promises to be very useful in the town of Boston. He will not be brow beaten by the persons who edit the opposition papers in that place & is equal to them.

16. Sunday. Notes. Eunice Barnes, d. of her husband, Br. & friends at Sea. Thomas Barnes & wife, d. of their Son Michael Barnes. W. Peele & wife & children, d. of Brother in Law Barnes, pr. for friends at sea. Mercy Welman & children, d. of her daughter, pr. for sons at sea. Richard Graves of Maryland, sick in the Poor House. This morning our Master was absent from the singing seats as the Baptists were dipping at the time of service. We were deprived of our Singers & had no Singing in the morning. I made such remarks as I thought proper. We had a numerous Choir in the evening service. We hear from Portsmouth that Mr. Abbot of Beverly preached the Annual discourse to the Female Charitable Society lately. Contribution 114 dollars. Last Tuesday I had my turn at preaching at the Charity House. Things were as well conducted as we could wish. Several years ago we had a similar plan but it was not followed. It is now recovered. The charity is conducted in a most tender & suitable manner. When the number becomes greater one house will not be proper for all classes of the poor. At present no serious evils are subjects of complaint.

18. Attended the funeral of Nancy Homans, d[ughter] of the Good Woman with whom I boarded while I preached in Beverly the last term. This was a sprightly girl & during her last illness had all the patience & resignation that can be displayed, tho' only in her 22d year. She was however free from all guile & took advice of her good mother who is not tinctured with su-

*Alluding to a satirical analysis of Dr. B's derivation of the word dumb-fish.

perstition but of engaging deportment. The procession was to the new ground & numerous.

19. I went to J. C[rowninshield], formerly Derby farm, & thence to Col. Goodale's, to see the wife of a Capt. H. Prince & thence by the N. P. Turnpike to the Lynnfield Hotel. I found several parties at this place & some from Salem. Mr. Goldthwait who keeps it is from Boston, last from N. Hampshire. I visited the pond, wandered in the woods for berries, especially the whortle berry. The pond lillies are brought from the marshes northward of the Hotel & eastward of the road. Returned by Tapley's for the evening.

21. The uncommon rains of the season have been attended with great health but they came in so early & have continued so long that much of the Meadow hay now stands in the waters with which the meadows are covered.

22. The long rains begin to abate. All speak of the extraordinary rains of this season.

23. Sunday. Last week was my turn at the Charity House. These services are so carefully confined & justly to the house that no report attends them. No persons of any name not belonging to the house are permitted to enter.

24. After all our arrangements, by six months notice, Mr. Emerson disappointed us of our address at the visitation of the Schools. We found in Mr. Parker's Grammar School 19 Scholars, in Mr. Gray's Center School 70, in Mr. Lang's east School 61, in Mr. Hacker's West School 85, & in Mr. Dodge's new school in North Fields 55, making in all present 290. Mr. Gray as usual had the preference in reading & Hacker in writing. The whole number last time was 238 giving at the present a number exceeding the former of 52. The number of private schools is great. We have four constant Schools kept by Masters in the Eastern part of the Town & two by men of public education & one of them formerly a minister in Maine. Two schools are maintained by private Gentlemen with high salaries for classical education, & there are several schools beside in the western part of the town, certainly six. For the precise number & situation I am to enquire.

25. We have assurances of the progress of the Influenza in our great towns & from a state of health we find since the rains complaints multiply in Salem.

26. Went to Cambridge & dined with Judge Winthrop. The exercises were not much praised by any person. The Graduates were 35, seven of the Class having never returned since the late disturbances & about 30 are absent from the College list since the troubles. A smaller number of people were assembled than I had ever known.

27. I was much troubled with the Influenza which has been Universal throughout the United States, has been remarkably

prevalent in N. Y. Phil. Balt. Newport, on the Hudson, in Boston & at Salem. I know of no place that has escaped. Was seized with a shivering as I was riding towards Cambridge. It returned with violence as I passed on foot to Charleston bridge to my Father's. Upon getting into bed with a blanket at my Father's, without taking anything for it, it was exchanged for as violent a sweat as I ever experienced. I felt the debility all day, visited my kindred & in the evening I returned to Salem. I found not much expectoration. I eat & drank very sparingly but made no change whatever in my diet. Complaint is everywhere. Upon my return the Physicians said 500 had it in Salem.

28. We have many expedients professed to remove the evils of the Influenza, but the best advice is first to get the true history of it. It has evidently prevailed here after long rains & after a time of the most remarkable health among all ages I have ever known. The atmosphere for a long time was close & full of vapour & the state could not be marked by any instruments now in use, tho' distinctly felt. We have had no motions in the Atmosphere to clear the air for a long time. They who have been most violently attacked are of no particular age or situation or known habits. If at first any escaped they were children. It is remarked that we have had in Salem very little thunder near us. The Lightning has done damage in several places, but it has been less frequent, it has been observed, in different parts of the Union.

29. We feel an almost universal stagnation of business from the late outrage in the Chesapeake. Parties are very apprehensive of war. The friends of the present home administration almost resolve upon one & the opposition represent intentions that there should be one, so that the greatest anxiety prevails among those who have property abroad. Mr. Gray, our greatest merchant, is supposed to be engaged millions by insurance, amounting to all his great interest. Our Government is secretly obtaining the real amounts of all property abroad by all the means in their power & some private gentlemen are as assiduous in their enquiries. I am under some obligations to assist in regard to this vicinity. The opposition would willingly attribute the present state of things to the administration which they have uniformly condemned for their pacific principles.

30. Sunday. Notes. Edward Tuttle & wife, d. of her sister, pr. for a Sister absent. Mr. [Joseph] Clay from Georgia, has reached Boston. It was reported before his arrival that he was to preach for nothing but he expects of his poor Tradesmen 1500 Dollars, which is 25D. a year, the mean price of their pews, a sum which my Father tells me exceeds the mean rate of their public taxes. The house of Dr. Stillman was provided for him but he soon relinquished it for a place in a more fashionable

part of the town tho' far from the abode of his beloved flock. This is noticed as he is given out for a learned Judge & a rich man converted to the Anabaptists. He is said to preach wonderfully upon Conversion, but my Father told one of his Committee he would not often wet his — in dipping the trolls of the town. Mr. [Abraham] Randall of Manchester, asked for one hundred dollars more in his salary & had one hundred taken from it very quietly. Mr. [Timothy] Alden of Portsmouth was with me. He wishes a parish for himself. Dr. E[liot] tells me he lost his parish in Portsmouth by asking more & then not being content with what he asked. I learn from good authority that in the new arrangements for Cambridge, Pearson was to be chosen the President. Then Morse of Charlestown, was to be offered the Professorship of Divinity, but was to resign it & give it to Bates of Dedham. Then Mr. Alden was to be the Professor of Oriental languages. But all are disappointed. Pearson is now planning a theological School at Andover. He is very busy with his addresses at the Academy but will soon be unpopular in that place, if we may judge from present appearances. Several of our Ministers are upon Travels or supply their desks from want of health. Dr. Buckminster & Lowell of Boston, Mr. Worcester of Salem & Mr. Abbot of Beverly. These are new things in our world.

September 1 [1807]. Last Sunday an English Sailor was found dead on the Derby wharf. He had threatened his own life in consequence of an affray with a girl whom he was to marry & to whom he had been published. He found her in a bad house & undertook to correct her & was prosecuted by her for abuse. His name was [Henry] Anderson. The verdict of the Jury was Suicide. Such instances are very rare among us. One lately happened at Marblehead, in Capt. Dixey. It was imputed to domestic discontents.

2. This day was the Annual Meeting of the Female Charitable Society & my turn to preach. The general sickness gave little hope, with other causes, of a very large Congregation. The Singing was good & good order prevailed. We obtained 164 dollars by the Contribution. Dr. Prince & Mr. Worcester attended. How many more would have been assembled in the Night?

6. Great preparations are making in this town to receive the Warren Baptist association this week. But their numbers have been represented so great & the public expectation so long have been all abroad that they will find it difficult to answer to the curiosity they have raised. The Salem Association is to be in town at the same time.

7. A Ship named Edward Preble, launched at Amesbury, of 350 tons, belonging to Newbury Port. Commodore Preble has lately died at Portland. The Influenza prevalent everywhere but not with great mortality.

8. The day appointed for the Meeting of the Baptist Warren Association in Salem. Same day the Salem Association met in the North Meeting House & the District Court was in town. Very much has been promised from this meeting but the rainy weather prevented much shew & one house contained without inconvenience the whole company. I have seen nothing, perhaps shall get the transactions. Few of the company passed into our quarter of the Town among the Free Will Baptists. They had three services in the Close Communion House but I have not heard the names of their Speakers.

9. All the talk is respecting the ordination by the Baptists of a Stranger, who was by trade a Baker, in Boston sometime, who has assumed the name of W[illiam] Bentley. He is named to be ordained at large. He is an illiterate man preaching about in barns & private houses.

11. We hear of the general spread of the Influenza. It has visited all our families, but has been peculiarly distressing to old people. It has been remarked that our mornings for many past months have been cloudy & few changes in the Barometer. This subject is peculiarly interesting for tho' other diseases have been more immediately mortal no one has ever had so extensive a range & so many afflicted by it at the same time. The half of a town has never been an uncommon circumstance.

13. Sunday. Notes. Susanna Becket sick & aged. Lydia Ward, delivery, pr. for husband & brethren at sea. The past week is memorable in Salem as the first in which a Baptist Association was ever seen in the town. What was the cause of so early a visit is not known unless Salem was deemed a good prize. I have not been able to collect any exact account of the transactions. The Scribe may possibly know their numbers & their performances but from no person not belonging to the sect have I been able to collect any account. They were quartered in the different families, tarried in town on Wednesday & Thursday, read Letters on the state of Individuals & of Church, had Lectures & retired without any disturbance. The Levity of the Sect are as much below societies as they rise, as are their Preachers, & not one of them in Salem could possibly describe any occurrences. They came on Tuesday & departed on Thursday, so that Wednesday [was] the only entire day of their services. On Tuesday was the meeting of the Salem Association to which I formerly belonged. They had their exercises in the North Meeting House & were received at Dr. Bernard's. What appearance they made as a counterpart to the Baptists in the next street I have not learned. This association was formerly among the most respectable, but it is not generally thought that its ministers hold that precedence their predecessors once had among all their brethren. While the Baptists were in Salem they ordained at large my namesake, a

stranger who lately set up House bread Baking in Boston. So little regard do these inspired folks pay to the outward means of diffusing religion. But the Free will Baptists never did more work in their lives than while the close Communion Baptists were in Salem. The nearest sects are never the most neighbourly or most indulgent. Mr. Blackburne, who was lately here for his Cherokee School, has returned to Baltimore & at that place his friends have published pompous accounts of his success. He has notified meetings for the purposes of his contributions in Churches of different Communions. Several ministers' names in that city are given to the public on the occasions.

This day we lost unexpectedly our most worthy black servant Jack. He was brought into this country by Capt. Foster of Manchester, & then purchased by Mr. Deland of Salem, & married the negro woman of Mrs. H[annah] Crowninshield in whose family I live. He took his freedom at the revolution as all Negroes did & followed his Master's trade as a truckman, 'till old age overtook him, having gained a house, horses & trucks as his own. His son was instructed to read & write but has not been as successful as his father. Since the father has ceased from hard labour, having been obliged to answer some demands on his son, he has not had such ample means as before & has returned to our house to perform such little services as were in his power & to receive a great part of his support. He had lately left his wife & has been married again. He took the name of John Black. No man could be more honest, punctual, or sober, than he has been throughout his life so that he had the esteem & preference among all classes of our citizens. He was with us in good health last Thursday, complained on Friday, grew worse on Saturday, & died on Sunday. He had the Influenza, & then a violent fever. He has been in America about 60 years & if above 20 years of age when he came, as he believed, he must be 80 years of age. He was of a jet black, without a wrinkle, cheerful, sincere & honest. Died at the ferry, now Beverly Bridge, Salem side, Wid. Ester Waters. She was from Brookfield, & widow of Mr. Waters from Boston, æt. 89. She lived in the Massey house belonging to John, the first born of Salem, Mass. Her husband was a Baker by trade & kept the ferry & a public House since my day. She has left one son & two daughters. Several of our aged people are sick. The influenza is found to be more fatal to them than to younger people. Peter Henfield died the same day, aged 76, in the Charity House. The Superintendent of that house assured me that for the many years he had kept it he never knew it more sickly than from the influenza which had been upon every person in the house in some degree as well as in his own family. And it is to be remarked that several persons who have been distinguished for an [un]interrupted health & firm muscular systems have been severely afflicted by the Influenza.

15. At Jack's funeral I saw his Master Deland 79 years of age. He tells me that he bought Jack in the year 1754 and that he was then believed to be 11 years of age. Jack always insisted that he was above 20 years of age but his Master says his stature forbids it, so that we fix him at 65. It was the same way with Micah Coombs. He appeared 90, but by his indenture was but 57. Negroes in our climate soon take the appearance of age. Tom said, in Mr. Derby's family, he was an hundred. His wife says he was not older than she & she is now living at about 70.

Sept. 16. The apprehensions of war have been great but they subside again. The public mind is much unsettled. So attached are our Seaports to bargains that we should be hardly induced to believe that they would think of considering public liberty the best bargain. We have a good opportunity to see men. One of Mr. Gray's vessels returned upon meeting a vessel at sea but she was ordered to sea again. The cry is, the next arrivals.

19. We still remain as under an Embargo. Our merchants are afraid to trust valuable cargoes at sea till they know the state of the negociation in England. The Embargo on business makes more trade in the Calumny & Domestic follies in all countries. Industry is the best cure of cares, of fanaticism, & feuds of every name.

20. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Waters & children, d. of his Mother Ester Waters, æt. 88. She was a Gilbert of Brookfield, & lived near Beverly Bridge, Salem side. Lydia Dean & children, d. of her Mother Waters, pr. for son at sea. Luke Brooks & wife, d. of his Sister Ruth, wife of Josiah Richardson, æt. 53. Wid. Eliz. Brooks, d. of her Sister in law Ruth, w. of J. Richardson. Last week appeared Mr. Worcester's sermons on the Abrahamic Covenant in a second edition from the Register press & his letters to Dr. Baldwin in answer to his remarks. Neither of these polemics understand the subject or a[re] fit persons to manage it. B. had no public education. He cannot read the Fathers. W. never saw them. We are then to see what they have read & what they have borrowed. In this stage of the controversy their books to well read men are unworthy of notice. W.'s work is 154 pages. He is mistaken in all the fundamental points of his Defence. He is quite mistaken about Circumcision & the dispute in the age of the Apostles. The question was does Vanity regain the political hopes of the Jews. Baptism was as well known to them as Circumcision, & the one was never held to be in the stead of the other. Shall we hold both? This question the apostles did not answer, unless P[aul] rewrote the Epistle to the Hebrews. About Proselyte baptisms which always included families & was so understood. And this was initiated by Jesus but had not its authority in any law of Moses, & in the third place about Christian Baptism which might or might not hold Circumcision. I

put no value upon such half digested publications in our country. Prince Hall, the leading African of Boston & author of several masonic addresses, tells me that an African preacher was in Boston who had been ordained by Bishop White of Philadelphia in the English Church forms. Preachers multiply & we are overwhelmed. Mr. Buckminster, after travelling in Europe, has returned to his charge. And Mr. Lowell has also returned to his pulpit, we are told to their labours. Mr. Lowell had his theological education at Edinburg. In Boston, they never fail to give the public compliments to their preachers. Both of the above Preachers have been much out of health.

22. This day arrived Capt. Prince in 50 days from Cronstadt & 40 from Elsinore.

23. We had a partial military parade this day.

25. Attended the funeral of Sally, W. of Jonathan Ashby, æt. 33, in S. Fields. She was a Fitch & lived at James Chever's formerly. Saw an imitation of a wonderful pear* which grew in Ipswich. It was carved by Macintire & painted by Corné & was said to be an exact imitation. It might easily be mistaken excepting its size might make suspicion. Mr. Appleton tells me in digging for a well not far from the South fields well, he found a ledge of rocks which obliged him to desist.

26. For the first time I saw the Comet in the S.W. which appeared & was noticed last evening. It was directly up the street in which I lived but I was not in a situation to avail myself of any observations. Its tail was southerly upward but not of great length & not easily to be distinguished. No stars were so distinctly visible as to be known in their Constellations.

27. Sunday. Notes. W. Foye & wife, d. of near relative S. Ashby, pr. for sons at sea. Williamsto[w]n College delivered 22 A. B. and conferred the degree of D. D. on Samuel Spring of Newbury Port & on Samuel Austin of Worcester, zealous defenders of the Hopkinsian Theology. It is so much done to assist that cause. Mr. [Samuel] Tombe has left Newbury New Town. The Baptists in Newbury Port have erected but have not yet finished their House. They are few in the Town but have some from the vicinity. Mr. Worcester's Letters do not stop the Baptists. This day a young man named John Moriarty was immersed by the Close Communion Baptists & is the first person who has appeared who has had common rank in society. A few such converts would be of greater value to the sect than all the rabble they have as yet collected.

29. Having sent my Dolland to Sheik Ahmet, I have no telescope. Several are in town, not of large magnifying powers, & I hear of no one who is observing the motions of the Comet which is said from Cambridge to be in Virgo. Many are star gazing.

*Now preserved in the museum of the Essex Institute.

The Comet is small not exceeding in appearance to the naked eye a common star, from its blunt rays, & its tail is about 50 of its seeming diameters. Just discernable by the naked eye. I have no planisphere for the constellations nor is there one in town. A young company consisting of young men about 16 years of age appeared this day in uniform with Muskets. This is in the mean between the infantry & the young masters of 10 & 12 who appear with swords. Such is the effect of the late Military arrangements.

30. This day taken at the Neck farm, a Lobster weighing 17 1-2 lbs & measuring a yard in length. He had barnacles & Muscles upon him. One was taken some time since by the same persons weighing 30 lb. The persons were present who saw him weighed. I observed after boiling that no colour remained upon the meat but white & no meat had been boiled two hours which did not half fill the shell. They pretend not to eat such large & old lobsters. In my presence it was given to the Ducks. It was called by the Lobster catchers 12 years old. They judge from the size & the state of the shell by comparison.

October 4 [1807]. Much is said of Church Music & an attempt is made to put a stop to the many ridiculous publications which are offered to the world. A Collection has been proposed at Boston. Two collections have been lately made in Salem, but of the last the Boston Critics did not speak as favourably as of the first. They are now to take the work into their own hands.

11. Sunday. Notes. Levi Moxcey & wife, d. of 2 Br. at sea & one Br. at sea. In the past week we were honoured with the presence of Revd. Timothy Dwight, President of Yale College in Salem. He was introduced into Salem by Mr. Worcester & the bell was rung at an unusual hour to notify the town of a Lecture in the tabernacle. Dr. D. preached from Rom. 3, 28. His political friends attended him, but the divinity was too metaphysical for much praise. The Cong. Ministers were not present. The Dr. visited Beverly & had the presence of Dr. Pearson of Andover, the intended teacher of Theology. This day we had in the Baptist meeting Judge [Joseph] Clay from Georgia, now settled in Boston. But as a Universalist was in town who took up the most noisy of the sectaries, we had but little information from the Society of the Baptists respecting their Judge of whom they have much boasted. This first preaching has left little effect & little prejudice in Salem.

13. I had the company of Mr. Kendall, an English Gentleman visiting our country. He gave me the best view I had ever had of the Dighton Rock. He exhibited the shape of the Rock, of the fissures & the shade of the figures that such as were most visible might be easily known. I shewed him Mr. Harris' letter & the authority of the Palmyrine Characters to which the

Marks were compared. Mr. Kendall saw no resemblance of the letters. I maintained that it always stood at the edge of the water from his account of the river near it, & the Ohio rocks with marks are in the same position & these rocks he intends to visit. I. Mather's, Sewall's & Winthrop's he adds, the figures from the two Baylies, who have been attentive to the Dighton rock & live not far from the spot on which it stands. Mr. Kendall's plan gives the colour of the face of the rock & he has a specimen with him. He prefers Pr. Sewall's to any other exhibition of the figures. I took a rough sketch of his figures for future use. In the afternoon I visited Mr. Bowers, Rector of St. Michael's, Marblehead, with Mrs. Townsend & Family. We were received with his usual hospitality. Dr. White returned with us to Salem in the evening.

14. This day was the Brigade Review of this quarter. The place of Review was in Danvers, five miles from Salem at the Beverly cross roads above New Mills. The two artillery Companies of Marblehead & the artillery of Gloucester were all we were to receive from these towns. Beverly & Danvers furnished Artillery Companies & the rest were Militia from the other towns. Salem furnished four Companies in Uniform but its militia was without any uniform. The whole number was given between 2 & 3 thousand but the intermediate numbers variously. A great crowd of Spectators was collected from the expectation of seeing the Governour, who did not owe our Brigadier so much honour. E. H. Derby was Brigadier Gen. and Gen. Bricket, Major Gen. of the Division, was present at the Review with a company of Horse from the other Brigade. As not a military man was upon the parade, little can be said of the performances. No military talents were employed on the occasion. The whole ended seasonably & the town was soon quiet in the evening.

16. The Derby wharf after the great expences, not proving secure it was concluded to settle piles on the outer part of the stone work. But by driving, they have not at a great distance found solid bottom. This examination ought to have taken place early & before they laid the foundation. It is expected much labour will be lost.

17. Our vessels continue to arrive & the proportion now abroad is inconsiderable compared with the sum at the first alarm of war.

18. Sunday. Notes. Susanna Hunt & children, d. of her Husband, pr. son at sea. W. Millet, wife & Children, d. of son, p. for a friend at sea. Mary Silver, d. of her husband at sea, pr. for a Brother at sea. We have an account in the last papers of the death of Samuel West, D.D., formerly of Dartmouth, who has died at Tiverton. Nothing has been said of his age or situation which probably is kindly dropped into obscurity. Yet he is not a man that has lived in Obscurity or a man who has not possessed

extraordinary powers of mind & as extraordinary singularities as ever are known. He graduated at Cambridge in 1754 & was of the same class with Gov. Hancock who took particular notice of him as did Dr. Payson of Chelsea. He had his Doctor's degree in the same college & was a member of the American Academy, but I recollect no communication he ever made to that body. He was a large, well proportioned man, much beyond common size. Of great strength & capable of great labours without fatigue. He applied late to his studies & had a characteristic awkwardness which excited ridicule upon every thing he did. All the history of his life was known by anecdotes of singular oddity. His visit to Colleges, his Courtship, his parish duty, his attitudes, his dress, his voice, his gestures, his method of preaching, all have furnished amusement without any refusal to acknowledge the strength of his mind. I first saw him at Brooklyn. He preached with & without notes in the two services. It was odd enough. I have already inserted these oddities. I saw him at the Gov. with the Gov's gift of a new wig & Coat upon his wretched cloaths. I saw & heard him at the Dudleian lecture when his appearance & manner gave high diversion to the Students. I saw him in private circles. His last book of Moral Evidence of Liberty is not worthy of him. He had not examined how far that controversy had been carried. He trusted to his original thoughts & refused to assist them. He never collected his force & therefore posterity will never know the worth of him. In the latter part of his ministry he lost the vigour of his powers & approached to idiotism. His gross food & diminished exercise was attended with a second childhood, in which he was intemperate, but after his mind was gone forever. He has for several years retired from the ministry, has been pitied and forgotten. A musical meeting has been lately held at Goffstown, N. H. Much musick has been printed but the depravity of our taste is reprobated. In the best towns some attempts are made to correct it by introducing the old Tunes. I proposed to my Chorister a new School. Two of the best masters were introduced to me. Their first request was for a loan of money & one of them was in a state of intoxication. They have published much & all say the best musick.

21. Mr. Putnam, the undertaker,* reckons Capt. Stone's New House in Hardy street at 6 thousand dollars & the difference between brick and wood in the same dimentions at 20 pr. Cent upon the price for brick beyond wood. He found this difference in the houses of nearly the same dimentions built for Cleaveland & Philips in the new street in the south western parts of the town. Dr. Holyoke, now living, who was consulted upon placing the Charity House, thought that in its present situation it would

*Contractor or bullder.

surely be beyond the settlements but smiles at the mistake when he sees a little town beyond. He is nearly in the 80th year of his age.

23. The Wid. Wells, who died in this month in this town, æt. 91, was born in Ipswich, but for 30 years has made this town the place of her residence among her children who are married & settled here. Was with Rantoul in his new House on the bank Beverly. He reckons that the population has increased since the last Census considerably in that town. The new Street which he has laid out promises to be a very pleasant one.

24. Mr. Etheridge of Charleston, with me who is printing Doddridge's exposition. He represents the great difficulty of getting good printing paper & ink & the disadvantages to the Am. printing from having the same hands at all branches of the business. We have taken up the business of what in England they call the Dublin Editions. Cheap editions of Good works.

25. We had G. Richards, the Universalist, preaching in this town, from Portsmouth, in the Old Assembly room. The Universalists hope to make a Congregation & are active. A Mr. Turner from Worcester County, has been preaching with them whom Mr. R. very highly recommended. A Mr. Upton takes the lead at present, the former, a man who promoted the Branch & still remains the principal proprietor & has attached the house. The fame of Mr. R. drew a multitude especially in his third service in the evening. A man of wealth in our society, seldom at the meeting, withdrew in time of service because it was too long for him. A man who has acquired by industry by bold adventures in the revolution. A mere act of fond singularity. My old friend John Philips died in Boston lately & had no notice of his death till after his interment. I have often been upon his knees. No notice was taken of his death in the Boston papers which is more unexpected as the Centinel has been uncommonly attentive to this article. John Philips & Friend Pope were for some time the only two worshippers who were constant at the Quaker meeting & in consequence the Friends shut up the house, as I have noticed at the time. It was soon again opened & continues to be employed for worship tho' much sought after, from its situation, for mercantile purposes. John Philips laboured at his calling in a Ship yard till after 80 years & died at 88. His mother, in 1784, died at 100 & his brother now lives at Swamscut, on Lynn beach, at 90. No man could possess a better temper or lead a more circumspect life. I directed notice to be taken of him in the Essex Register of next Monday. Last week a curious occurrence in Salem. A Mr. Tappan, son of the late Pr[ofessor] Tappan, Pr. of D[ivinity] at Cambridge, had been employed one year in a School near the Branch, but not having given ample proof of his abilities in School keeping his friends removed him & raised a

School house in Summer street. This School was dedicated by Prayer & an address by Dr. Bernard. Right or wrong, if we do not come on fast, I know not what deserves the name. Dedications which lately were unknown are now so common that we may expect the baptism of bells & such other works which our Fathers abhorred, will come in turn, as we are taught to expect little improvement of the human mind from the increasing superstitions.

27. Saw in a little publication of the press in Salem, called the Barber's Shop, a List of Capt. Higginson's Company in Salem. It preserved the names of some of our first families. Great attention has been paid for several years past to the bringing of good Cheese into Salem. No person has succeeded better than Dr. Kitteridge with Cheese brought from Brookfield at 16 cents a pound. He sells it while the common market cheese [with] which the town has been fed, has sold from 9 to 12 cents. The best of it at 14 cents lb. Considering the quantity consumed & the rich means, it has been of ordinary quality, the best families expecting their cheese from England.

28. The Smelts have been in our river a fortnight but I have not yet been in season to obtain a single feast from them. A jealous Federalist who went to hear G. Richards on Sunday evening was highly offended because he called Jefferson, Illustrious Saint, for the preacher called him Sage, a word with which the poor man was not acquainted. The tale had a full run before it was stopped & laughed at.

30. One of the three Ships* ready for launching was launched this day at Fries Mills, north river, by M. C. Turner for Messieurs Pierce & Wait, Merchants of the Town. She was coppered to her bends. The narrowness of the river prevents the beautiful appearance of a ship from the stocks floating on the water. The owners were industrious Tradesmen in my time.

31. This day Mr. Brigs in South fields launched a Ship† for Mr. Peabody, Merchant of this town of Salem, into South river. And about an hour afterwards Barker, Magoun & Co. launched at the entrance of the neck into the Lower harbour a Ship for Nathaniel Silsbee, Merchant of this Town. This last I saw. As the flats are level & the building ground low, the builders could not have the advantages of the two other yards which are steep banks of the rivers. But as soon as her stem block was taken away she began with a gradually increased motion to descend to the water, & without the least interruption or crack of anything near her, she rode upon the Ocean amidst the incessant shouts of the Spectators. We have been so long accustomed to see R[etire] Becket build good Ships and launch them badly, that the

*Ship Hunter, 296 tons.

†Ship Francis, 297 tons.



SHIP FRANCIS, JOSEPH PEABODY, OWNER.

From the painting by Anton Roux, 1816, in the possession of the Essex Institute.

sight has new pleasures when free from the alarms which have often prevented the gay circle of friends from anticipating any real enjoyment from the noblest sight man can exhibit. Attended the funeral of George Batchelder.

November 1 [1807]. Sunday. Notes. William B. Parker & wife, d. of their youngest Child. John Watson with Children, d. of g. child E. Parker.

3. This day the Supreme Judicial Court opened in this town. Four Judges on the Bench, C[hief] Justice Parsons, Associates Sedgwick, Sewall, & Parker. The Chief Judge delivered a charge. A worthy man of Gloucester, David Pearce, of the number of those who made money in the late war & became rich, was last week brought to the prison in Salem for a paltry debt. He soon returned. He has lost his property by trading at sea without insurance. He is universally esteemed an honest man. Another painful example of sudden elevation & depression. This evening the visitation of the Deputy G[rand] M[aster] of Masons was expected and all the old members were invited. It was unknown that the Deputy had resigned. The Lodge has a new hall in the New Brick building, corner of Essex & Market streets, on the west side on entering Market street. It was handsomely decorated, the officers enthroned & the floors spread with carpets & the Officers supplied with badges & the Apartment with furniture far above the Antient style. I had never seen the place before. We had a full company, an initiation lecture, & a good supper & parted apparently well pleased with each other. Deacon [Thomas] Hartshorne in the Chair.

5. This day, long celebrated, is now scarcely recollected. It being a fine day I was determined to spend it in the Grove of Spring pond. It was my intention to pass with a Chaise but I found the road from Graves' end at Flax Pond Lynn, was obstructed by Oliver's wall not far from the Grove southerly. This road was passed formerly. But upon obstructing the road north-easterly of the pond, the road was obstructed south westerly, & the travelling turned by the sluice or old Boston road. The traces of these roads are plain yet & passable, were the artificial obstructions taken away. Mention is made of a road from the Turnpike of Salem to Boston to the Spring, which would not be greater distance from the Turnpike than the other roads are from the high ways on the other side. The Spring was choaked with Oak leaves but soon was cleared by my young girls. We took tea at Wid. Shilaber's on the plain.

6. This day we had a heavy rain & high wind all day. Wind N.E. As yet no appearances of winter & hardly a spitting of snow. The Turnpike from Andover to Salem is in forwardness. We may soon expect to find good roads without the circuitous route through Topsfield & Boxford.

7. On Wednesday last the East India Society celebrated their 4 Anniversary. They appeared with the Eastern dresses & were escorted by the Mechanic Light Infantry & had the Cadet Band. They had an elegant dinner in their hall. This day was buried Mr. James Jeffry, æt. 76. He was a native of Salem & educated in Quebec & continued Clerk in the service of E. H. Derby, our eminent merchant, during the whole time in which he acquired his riches. Mr. Jeffry was never married & died in the family house opposite the first church. He was much valued for his fidelity. Since Mr. Derby's death he has led an inactive life & his gout terminated in paralytic affections, debility, & finally into the loss of his faculties.

8. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Rebecca Patterson, d. of her Sister Ropes, pr. for herself under the infirmities of age, æt. 83. Her Sister Ropes married a Bernard & then Jona. Ropes & died in the 86 year of her age, after having been confined by a fall. They were Tozzers by family. Two sisters are still left. Reb[ecca] & Mary. Mrs. Ropes died in the south part of the town at her daughter Felt's. Widow Mary Hutchinson, d. of her Brother in law James Kimball, æt. 86. He died at Wenham. A much respected Farmer & above 50 years a member of the Church in that town. By his death four widow Sisters are left. His widow Martha, æt. 83, & the Widows Porter, Leach & Hutchinson. She was a Trask of Beverly. Two of her sisters live in Salem. She has a G. Son at Sea. One Son & two D. living in Salem. Joseph Webb & wife, her delivery. Their Brethren at Sea. She a Devereux.

13. The Wild Geese were passing this day. They passed over my head as I was upon the Neck, in large flocks & in admirable order. The lower line from their leader was not half so long as the upper but they did not sail immediately the upper line. The angle was never varied but several continued to sail out side of each line & then fall into the rear. The greatest order prevailed & nothing at sunrise occurred to disturb them. Some were killed as they passed yesterday. It is a pleasant sight to a friend of Nature.

14. This day arrived here Capt. H. Prince from Leghorn. He sailed for a Mediterranean voyage & was condemned at Malta, for going from one Enemy's port to another, by the English. The French had entered Leghorn, & the English Chaplain Mr. Hall, ceased to pray for his King. We have endless tales about war which serve to distress the public mind. Our Masters are so accustomed to flatter their emnloves that we hear contrarv stories from the same ports as the Owners adopt sides & prejudices.

15. Sunday. Notes. James Chever & wife & Children, d. of her Mother Browne, æt. 80, & prayers for sons & friends at sea. Joseph Browne & children, d. of his Mother, pr. for his wife a

Becket, d. of Retire Becket deceased, deranged. Signs of the same disorder have at times appeared in the mother & in some other of the children, pr. for Sons at sea. Hannah Webb & children, d. of her Mother Tabitha Allen at Marblehead, æt. 75. She was a worthy woman. Her family name was James. In her first marriage she was named Watts & now Allen, & was the mother of Mrs. Webb, pr. for husband & brothers at sea.

16. Was the Quarterly visitation of the Schools. We did not find 20 in the Grammar School. The New School in Northfields had about 50 Scholars present. The Master's list is greater. Mr. Dodge has made a good beginning. The School house cost about a 1000 Dollars & the Subscribers have given about half that sum. The Center Writing School under Mr. Gray appeared well with about 60 Scholars. I did not visit the West School. The East School under Mr. Lang was thin & the Woman's school had about thirty but not in the former good order. The other Women's Schools I did not visit.

17. This evening for the first time our Singing School under Mr. Davis was opened in the East School house. Appearances were favourable for the first night. The business was left with Elder Ward & myself, & Mr. Davis was recommended as of good habits & good qualifications.

18. Last evening, after long appearances of winter, the wind rose & towards morning we had our first Snow Storm at N.E. The wind was high & at times we had rain so that the cold did not increase. The whole day was stormy. Our political entertainment during the Storm was from the apprehensions of war & the ceaseless efforts to discourage the people from any disposition to maintain the claims on which it was supposed the American Government would insist. No English men could contend more warmly, more openly, or with more approbious language, than one printer in Boston published. Another circulated in the form of a supplement. Persecution by every vile epithet is not spared upon all who defend the administration, by the English party. We learn from Boston of the death of Dr. Charles Jarvis, æt. 59. The Dr. embraced early the Republican side of the political controversy in America, and from a readiness of thought, & a firmness of mind, he was formidable to the Opposition. No pains were spared to injure his reputation. But he lived respected in the practice of physic & was much courted by his own party so as to make a distinguished figure on all important occasions. His temper was warm, his address easy, & his resolution undaunted.

22. Sunday. Notes. Stephen Gale, d of his Father & Brother. Capt. Noah Gale sailed from Salem on a voyage to the Southern States & perished with his Son on Block Island, off

Newport, on 5 November instant. This Son with Dr. Hemmenway. Wid. Sarah Hill dangerously sick. She was a Collins, d. of James Collins.

23. Hon. Loammi Baldwin Esqr. who died at Woburn lately, has been celebrated lately as an Hydraulist. From an acquaintance I could never see any claims he had to rank from his acquaintance with the Sciences. His industry & enterprise were invaluable.

24. We have news from Cape Cod of the damage done by the late storm. One Salem brig is ashore & one Marblehead vessel was lost with all her Crew. Several other vessels on Shore. One Eastern vessel from Damariscotta was ashore upon Winter Island near our Fort. She had lost her anchors & injured her sails & unshipped her rudder but suffered nothing after she struck upon Winter Island.

26. Thanksgiving day. Rain in the morning & lowry all day. The Contribution amounted only to 106 Dollars & Col. Archer's donation, from the state of his family, was 15D. giving us 121 Dollars for distribution. The loss of E. H. Derby Esqr. Gen. Fiske & Capt. B. Hodges have impaired these charities. We had the Universalist, G. Richards from Portsmouth, to preach this day in the Assembly room. George is pleased with his popularity but hastens to destroy it.

28. Wind last night in the southerly quarter high & warm. The Snow which lay in banks yesterday has disappeared in the town & yesterday, during the rain, smothered beyond any example I had ever before seen. Where it lay in drifts at sundown at two feet depth, this morning it was not to be seen. The rain was with gusts, frequent, short & violent. News that Simon, son of Capt. Simon Forrester, our neighbour, died on his passage from East Indies. Col. Archer gave me a letter to be read at his wife's funeral. But he recalled it. Exhortations, reading of wills, & domestic arrangements, no longer make part of the duty of ministers in this town. The Custom, but much varied, continues to exist in different towns.

29. Sunday. Notes. Samuel Archer 3d & family, d. of his wife, pr. for Son at sea. Wid. Elizabeth Williams, d. of her sister Archer. John Babbidge & wife, d. of his Sister Archer, pr. for friends at sea. Benja. Babbidge & wife, d. of his Sister Archer. Mehitable wife of Wm. Munis,* d. of her Sister Archer. Tuesday, 24 Nov., the New Meeting House on High street, Newbury, was opened for public worship. The service was opened by a prayer by Mr. Spring & a sermon by Mr. Miltimore formerly of Stratham, now at large, & the last prayer by Mr. Noyes of South Hampton, N. H., now at large. The circumstances plain-

*Moneys.

ly indicate with what spirit it is erected. They never were quiet in Newbury, in any part of it, since it was a settlement, as the whole history of the Town will shew. This House is in the Neighbourhood of Newbury Port above the Town, on the river.

December 3 [1807]. It has been said abroad that we are war-like in Salem, but nothing has appeared which can justify any opinion but of our firmness & peace.

4. This day, with my young friend H. H[odges], I went to dine with my friend Capt. Jo. Prince at Marblehead. I passed through the farms & visited W. Philips, æt. 90, the Brother of John P. lately deceased at Boston, æt. 88. I found him blind by age but contented. I did not forget him. At Capt. Prince's I saw my old friend Ashley Bowen, æt. 80 & renewed the conversation about the taking of Quebec in 1759 & his friend Cooke in that expedition, his favourite topic. My engagements in Salem obliged me to return early in the evening to Salem. Capt. Prince is warm in his political faith & is no friend to Lawyer Governours, even a Sullivan. His attachment to Mr. Gerry, one of the best men of our times, as a townsman was justifiable, but as Mr. G. had not succeeded as a Candidate & had declined further trial, the Republicans might justly resign him without disrespect.

6. Sunday. Notes. Susanna Patterson, d. of her eldest d., pr. for husband & Brethren at sea. Wid. Mary Goss, d. of her gd. Patterson, pr. for her sons at sea. Mr. Richardson & his friends at Hingham, have the right best to publish an account of his settlement in their town. They have given all the documents, the report of the opposition, Mr. Norton's remarks, my letter to Mr. Fearing & all the statements which might explain the state of parties. The Pamphlet is in 80 pages. The virulence with which I am pursued in the report discovers a disposition to fix the greatest blame or resentment on me. But I can acquit myself of any intention but to repel the unparalleled insolence with which the Ordaining Council were treated by the persons who were the speakers of the Opposition. A son of Capt. Simon Forrester, of the same name, upon his return from the East Indies plunged into the Ocean & perished. He had long been in habits which could not promise much to his future years.

8. We have the news that yesterday noon, coming from a Vessel in the harbour, a son of Mr. Ebed Stoddard, mate of the Vessel was lost in the Harbour. The boat was found on the shore. Tho' this happened at one o'clock in the day yet so uniform is the hour of dining that not a person saw the accident which must have been within sight of all our wharves where thousands are busy at the usual hours of labour. Proof of our present habits. The men in the Vessel went, immediately after his sailing, below to dinner. Now lay dead the wife of Mr. Addison Richard-

son & his son William & the news has come which renders probable the loss of the youngest son Stephen at sea as he has been long missing. The wife & William were entitled to particular respect from their virtues. Mr. Richardson was a Captain in the Continental service and one of our inflexible patriots whom no changes could move.

10. We had our fire Club dinner at Frye's, 13 members present. Passed to the funeral of the wife of Capt. Addison Richardson. The weather was rainy but the attention was distinguishing. Mr. Bickford said he remembered all the streets laid out within a Century. The first was Lynde street about 50 years ago, he 70. Mr. Avery, preaching at the Branch, has been settled repeatedly. He last left Wrentham. His family are at Mansfield in Connecticut. Saw for the first time J. Pearce's Marble monument in the Burying ground on the Hill. In higher style than anything we have in this place. Mr. Jos. Ward says his father formerly had a fish yard at the entrance of Federal street near Town Bridge. Three other fish flakes were near him. Mr. Ward informed us that Col. Goodale having offered two woodlots for sale in Lynnfield & not obtaining his price, bid them in & expects to furnish the Salem Market with 2,000 cord this year. The Eastern wood sells at 8 dollars a cord. Mr. S. Ropes says that the Newbury Turnpike opening a new road to the Western parish of Lynn, that parish can supply much wood with which [it] abounds. Mr. Brooks received from one Coasting Sloop this week 91 cord of wood, well measured. Our largest loads were formerly about 60 cords. The average of a cord of wood is one ton & an half, green wood sometimes going to two tons.

12. A most discouraging Letter from My B[rother] D[awes]'s affairs in H[arvard] written by J. M. But such is the temper of all concerned that it is to me doubtful whether it be in real request of charity or a design to involve me in their difficulties. I lent my Brother money for which I have neither principal nor interest & now by a third person, of questionable purposes, there is a request for more.

12. We have some alarming intelligence from Europe. The English have interdicted all Neutral commerce with France, its Allies, & dependencies. We are now prohibited from safe commerce through the world. In the administration no want of energy appears for the defence of the nation.

13. Sunday. Notes. Ebed Stoddart, & wife & Ch., d. of drowned Son. Thomas Webb & wife & her Brother, d. of Ebed Stoddart. Mr. Gavet of Salem, put into my hands a folio Manuscript translation of Drelincourt on death, made by his ancestor after his coming to America in the middle of the seventeenth Century. The Dedication has 17 pages, & the whole besides 402. At the end it is marked by the same pen. Translated by P. Ga-

vet, & written below with the same ink P. Gavet. The style of the translation discovers a French man who understood the sense of the Author & tolerably well the style of English writing allowing for the Grammatical inaccuracies of a style probably gotten from conversation. The Copy from which he translates, at the end of the dedication is dated Paris, January 1, 1669, but the title page & dedication is gone as far as the 6 page. It was probably from the first edition of this date it was translated. Drelincourt, Protestant minister at Paris, was born in 1595 & died 1669, Nov. 3. Mr. Philip Gavet came from Guernsey into America. The first notice I find of his name is at the baptism of six children of Hanna Gavet in June 1696. These were probably his children & he might be deceased at this time or might not have come into full communion as I do not find his name on the church list. I rather suppose he was alive at this time. I may get more of his history. The Church vote of that date says Hanna Gavet, wife of Philip Gavet, being a child of the Church at Cambridge, after examination & standing propounded a week, owned the Covenant in this Church & had her six children baptised. The three eldest were examined & catechised. The handwriting is uncommonly clear & almost easy to read as print. The lines are at proper distance & the titles & margins & notes of the pages are preserved as in the printed copy.

16. A man named Benjamin Brown, attempting to pass from a boat on the flat to the shore, fell into one of the mud holes dug for the wharves & perished last evening. He was heard but assistance could not be afforded him seasonably. Mr. Chandler who keeps the school near the Branch for proprietors, was at B. B. this evening. This is the fourth year. The first Master Rogers, then Tappan. Tappan has a school at the other end of the town among his particular friends. A new School is projected. A Master's School for Misses in the fine arts. This is also to be a School for Subscribers like the three Schools in this town under Knap, Tappan & Chandler. I do not know how far it has progressed.

17. Mr. B. Brown was interred this evening. As soon as the body was found it was conveyed to the Charity House as the body of a stranger. But his Brethren of the sea refused the Charity & with their usual generosity insisted upon his regular interment at their own expence. They went to the full extent of the funeral charges & no refusal, tho' repeated, would allow me to dispense with my silk gloves under any pretences. I accepted & gave them to the family of the Sexton. The Seamen were present in remarkable good order & 153 of them accompanied the procession & afterwards returned with it to the house in which their deceased friend lived. I never saw a more happily conducted act of friendship & sympathy.

19. We are happy to find this month hitherto mild in this quarter. The price of wood would be a great oppression in the time of the stagnation of all business from the interruptions of Commerce. The glass has been but once below the freezing point & the winds are southerly. This evening Capt. B. W. & myself agreed with Davis to teach a Singing School at the rate of 3 Dollars a week till 70 dollars were expended.

20. Sunday. Notes. Jonathan Brown & wife, d. of their only d. at Neck farm. S. Oakman & family, d. of a near friend. The friends & companions of B. Brown who perished in our waters, asked prayers in our Congregation & that a discourse might be addressed to them on the Occasion. According I exhibited the real advantages from the reputation of the Commercial character of nations & from the qualifications of its mariners. The just tribute to the attainments of our seamen in the theory & practice of navigation. On the relative safety of our navigation. And then added what ambition of character should be in these expectations & counteract the evils which might characterize the condition of mariners & then from the dangers of life urged their calm reason, unsullied reputation & just preparation, which would [give] them their best hopes in the hour of alarm & suffering. They all attended in procession & completely filled our galleries. The Theological College contemplated at Andover, it is said, was first planned by the Edwardists & Hopkinsians in Newbury Port. It was then intended to unite their contributions to those in Andover by Mr. Abbot & Philips, & since, Mr. Norris of Salem has concurred in the design. Mr. Wood of Newbury has been chosen Theological Study Director & Dr. Pearson, Morse, Spring, &c. are to be Trustees. It is said that Abbot's donation will supply the buildings. The known desertion of Pearson from Cambridge, under disappointment, & the want of harmony between the Theological interests at Cambridge & Andover, it is expected will occasion some serious embarrassments to the new institution.

23. Last evening a Countryman had a narrow escape. One Thurston, a Carpenter, with his companion jumped into the Cart of the Stranger & at length Thurston mounted the fore horse of the team & was ordered down, & struck. He then dismounted & seized the handkerchief around the neck of the teamster & twisted it till he was apparently dead. With great difficulty & after a long time the man was recovered.

25. This day being Christmas & having engaged to preach in St. Michael's Church for Mr. James Bowers, the Rector & Incumbent, I took with me H. H[odges] & went to Marblehead. A very thick N. E. snow storm had set in & through the storm I reached the Manse at 10 o'clock. At Mr. Bowers I found two of his Brothers from Bilerica. At eleven we went to Church & Mr.

Bowers read the service, not going to the Altar but reading the Epistle & Gospel in the Desk. After service the Communion was administered & the two Methodist ministers attended, a Mr. Munjer, & Rexford. They distinguished themselves by their deep sighs at partaking, which marked their order. We dined & spent the day at Mr. Bowers confined by the storm. In the evening, Quondam Revd. [Isaac] Story, who attends at Church, & his Son in law W. Whitwell called upon us & we tarried & lodged with the Parson. I preached the same Sermon as at the Stone Chapel, Boston, copied, &c.

26. In the morning after breakfast I left Marblehead to come home & reached Salem at 11 a. m. The Snow had settled much in the night & the path was open upon my return. The snow lay upon a level 8 inches, but the weather was fine. I had no opportunity to converse with any person. The attendance was good considering the weather, & the conciliatory spirit of this Church is encouraged by the amiable man who is their minister. The Contribution of this crowded assembly did not exceed 30 dollars. Mr. Story told us they had no public contributions at the annual Thanksgiving in the New Meeting during his ministry. They said they chose to administer their own charities. 30 Dollars was as much as was collected in St. Michael's Church last Christmas.

27. Sunday. Note. Margaret Young, æt. 90, d. of her g. son Russ & pr. g. sons at sea. This aged Matron, now the oldest person in our society, was born upon the Neck & was of the family of Abbot, & her father & g. f. lived there & the cove still bears their name. Their house was in the field and on the north side of the Cove. The Cellar & Orchard remained after my day & some marks may yet be seen. At Marblehead, on Christmas, I found that the New Meeting, once the largest & richest since the resignation of Mr. [Isaac] Story & the ministry of Mr. [Hezekiah] May, had dwindled & that some religious controversies about Baptism had occasioned serious discontents. In consequence the Methodists had established themselves & had built a house, & as affairs in the New Meeting approached a crisis I found that the Baptist minister of Salem, Bolles, preached in the Town House to profit from the dissensions. May's night lectures have not been unfriendly to the success of the Sects which now profit from the confusion.

28. On 26, died Mary, Wid. of Hon. Andrew Oliver Esq. & the last of the children of Hon. B. Lynde Esqr, æt. 75. Of her children only two Sons survive her. Thomas, an Episcopal Clergyman, died in S. C. & was for some time Rector of St. Michael's Marblehead. Her son Lynde, is an acting Physician in Salem with good reputation. Peter is without employment but not without genius & excentricity. Madam was of real piety,

but not of that mind which could have rendered her a fit companion for her Husband who took a high rank in American literature. She was feeble, limited in her enquiries, & a century too late in her manners. Andrew, the son at the Spring farm, Danvers, is indeed an idiot.

29. Yesterday the news of an Embargo being laid on 22 Dec. reached us by the Nat[ional] Int[elligencer] extra. The Bill signed by the President, passed, it is said, by 82 to 44 in the House & by 22 to 6 in the Senate. This was in consequence of a secret communication which was followed by another immediately after the passing of the bill for the Embargo. The Merchants had already laid one in our port as few vessels ventured abroad so that this measure has excited no surprise or particular alarm at present & it is yet a secret whether the cause be from French or English measures.

31. The Instructions respecting the Embargo reached us this day, a sad ending of the year. Several vessels escaped by the delay. A Telegraph* along all our coast has been proposed by our Member in Congress. The King of England in his note by his Ministers to the American Minister tells us, that if our Government "by its conduct or assurances will have given security to his Majesty" against innovations in maritime law then a treaty, but if "such conduct" does not please his Majesty & like good boys we will not study the lesson he gives us, then his boys shall whip us wherever they can find us. Perhaps he may not find us next year such hopeful scholars as he wishes.

January 1, 1808. The New Year began by a change of weather. We had enjoyed a mild December, a stormy Christmas gave us notice of winter & Cold weather began with the New Year. The troubled state of the atmosphere did not a little resemble the state of our political world. And a sermon on New Year's Day from a Universalist & in the evening, did not a little remind us of the changes made in the religious state of our Country. The Connecticut Meteor gave occasion for some sport to party. Upon the whole every thing reminded us of the sad uncertainty of futurity. But every year is dark, without confidence in the supreme will. Duty is ours, & all events belong to God.

2. The first clear & cold day of winter. We have terrible news from Portland. The Numerous failures of some unprincipled adventurers in business, by their protested bills have occasioned a general gloom upon that dissipated but infant settlement of Speculators. The names are given to us & one of them is President of the Portland Bank. This is not attributed to the Embargo but to the desperate plans of some projectors with whom P[ortland] abounds. We may soon expect that other causes will

*A series of signal posts.

detect the licentiousness of our Commerce when flattered by a long continued success & urged by the embarrassments of all European nations. Reports from N. York & Baltimore have reached us but rather from alarm than distinct information. Even Salem, with all its prudence, is not without the Speculators, tho' chiefly strangers not born in it. In Boston even a Clerk in the United States Bank was detected in passing the checks of a Portland speculator as Cash at the Bank. By this discovery he is ruined if the secrets he possesses do not claim mercy for him.

3. Sunday. We had a snow storm this day at N. E. which lasted all day.

4. Appearances of winter. The day of publishing the Register changed from Monday & Thursday to Wednesday & Saturday. The pretence is to save labour on Sunday which the devotees of the families of the Printer oppose. This is offered as the ostensible reason. But as the Centinel, published by Russel, according to the Centinel account, has increased in the past year its subscribers between 30 & 40, & is the paper which has the greatest circulation in Salem of any one not published in the town, it is not improbable the printers might think that circumstance & publish on Centinel days. The Gazettes are more read than any other papers on our affairs as few men in Salem extend their enquiries far, & few possess libraries which they may consult even if they hold great estates. I should not know where to go for a collection of political writers in the whole Town, or where any person has had any thoughts to make any such collection in regard to political information. Theory injures us little in anything.

5. We now have seriously the Cold of Winter. The Therm. at Zero. Politics become more sour as the severity of winter increases. Why the Embargo? say all. Some reply, because of France. Some of England. Some hope it will make the administration unpopular. Others wish to complain but they dare not give the opposition so much pleasure. Where interest prevails & patriotism is little known, we can hope nothing from the latter without some present hopes of the former. Prosperity has been at the helm & has corrupted us. Integrity cannot command, without hazard, that obedience will be refused. Failures are expected & the Nat[ional] Int[elligencer] tells us that the daring speculations of individuals deserve to be exposed & prevented. The embargo is general. The attempt to exempt the Fisheries, tho' supported by all the members from Massachusetts, was unavailing.

7. A procession of Mariners & persons without employment from the Embargo, paraded the streets of Boston with a flag half mast, to excite alarm, & not without encouragement from our internal enemies. We must expect much more.

10. Sunday. Notes. Sarah Creely & Sisters, d. of their Father & Mother Johnson, Br. at sea. Mary Stevens, d. of her Br. & Sist. Johnson, p. friends at Sea. George Gregoreson & wife, d. of his Br. & Sist. Johnson, p. friends at sea. Benj. Bray & wife, d. of their youngest Child. Hanna MacEwen, d. of her husband, pr. with her Children. Wid. Rebecca Patterson aged & infirm, p. G. Sons at sea. Daniel Shehane sick of a fever, dangerously. Last evening, at a Meeting of the Church, it appeared that the receipts of the past year with the balance in favour of the Church amounted to 81 Dollars & that the balance in favour of the present year was 226 Dollars, about half of the sum expended having been spent upon the table & the other half in Charity. This evening was a contribution to aid the singing. It fell greatly short of the sum we wished, amounting to 52 Dollars & only three Bills above one Dollar. We have agreed to expend 70 Dollars upon Mr. Davis at the rate of one and a half each School night. This Sum is not sufficient to pay him. But we must remember the oppression which is felt from the Embargo. The Tabernacle are to give Holyoke 100 D. a quarter, & find, as we do, everything. Dr. Barnard's North Meeting are tired of the attempts & have purchased a very expensive organ which is every day expected from Philadelphia. The Universalists promise to spend the winter in this town. The service is divided between Murray, Richards, Turner & Jones. It is Calvinism run mad. Neither of them have Theology enough to recommend them but they are not timid adventurers.

12. The weather moderate & pleasant abroad. Many of our boats upon the harbour to take eels with spears.

14. This morning at sun rise the horizon was clear in the east but the other part of the hemisphere [was] thick with clouds. The winds were seen by the sails to be opposed & about nine the east shut down & a violent N. E. snow storm began which continued with high gusts till 7 in the evening, & a great body of snow fell so as to render all attempts to pass in vain. The violence of the storm gave us great apprehensions for our friends in the bay approaching our coasts. The snow lay deeper than it had for the season, & in high banks. The stages from Boston did not reach Salem till late at night, finding it impracticable to face the storm of the evening & the high winds which continued after the snow ceased to fall.

15. No stages came to town or went from it this day, either eastward or westward, & even the Marblehead stages did not arrive. They turned out in the neighbourhood to clear the roads generously. I went this afternoon to the Fort on Winter island to marry a couple who were to leave town next day. The wind had blown the snow from the ground so as to leave many places bare & other places covered with great heaps so that to pass with

a horse was impracticable. The snow blew much & the cold was severe in so exposed situations so that I had a severe conflict with the elements in this attempt to force myself along on foot.

18. Had the pleasure of spending the day with Gen. [William] Eaton, who endeavoured to render himself agreeable to his friends who dined with him at Dr. Stearns & spent the evening with him at B. Crowninshield's, Memb[er] of our Legislature. He informed us of the deserts & of the numerous antiquities seen in his expedition on the coast of Barbary, & encouraged us to hope that he should publish an account of his expedition. He has firmness marked upon his frame, the manners of a soldier, & can render himself very agreeable. His mind appeared unfettered & he gave us the answer of a Mussulman. "We reverence Jesus as a Prophet. He promised us a Comforter. His friends say he sent a bird, but we say God sent Mahomet." He returns tomorrow to Boston as he is a member of the General Court. He visited Naugus Head while at Salem.

19. Mr. Bowers with us from Marblehead. He has lately married two Neighbors of my Parishoner Capt. Joseph White & soon expects to marry another of the same family. He informs me of the probable issue of the affairs of the New Meeting House in Marblehead. Mr. [Hezekiah] May has been requested to ask a dismission. He requests a dismission with a Council, as he was introduced. We learn from Congress that our friend Hon. J. C[rowninshield] at Congress, after long speaking, was seized with spitting blood. He entertains hopes that he shall soon be restored, as his letters say. He was very feeble when he left Salem.

20. Last Monday morning died in this town Capt. George Dodge. He was one of the three enterprising Sea Captains who distinguished themselves in the past Generation. Thomas Mason, George Williams & G. Dodge. He outlived his contemporaries in naval enterprise & business, & often said he had doubled his estate since he was 60 years of age. He is thought to be worth between 150 & 200 thousand dollars, above the first sum & below the last. He was long a Captain of a Vessel. He was a man acute in business, domestic, allowing little intercourse at his house, even to his children, who were permitted to pay short visits. Since the death of his wife a few years ago he has kept house & had the services of his g[ra]nd children. He was not an intemperate man but he was regularly a great drinker of wine. He had no information at all upon any subject but business & he had a very imperfect education. His eldest son George, failed in business, after following the seas, from his bad habits, & has retired to Tamworth in N. H. His son Joshua, had a public education at Cambridge, from which he has not profitted & is now a Clerk in an Insurance Office. Larkin his third son died early.

Two of his D[ughters] married And[rew] & J[ohn] Cabot & the third, Mr. Thorndike, the principal Merchant of Beverly. All have children. Public opinion is that he was not indulgent to his children, & nothing is known of him out of the walks of business in which he had uncommon success, as he had no aid but from his own enterprise. He had reached 82 when he died, without being long withdrawn from his business or his usual pursuits & enjoyments.

21. This week Brown, a Soldier & the guard of Fort Pickering of Salem Harbour, returned from Fort Independance, formerly Castle William of Boston Harbour, & brought me three shells taken out of a hard bottom, 85 feet below the surface, in a place intended for a well. No water had then been reached. The shells are fragments of the Indian Clams so called & so frequently seen at Nahant. Not finding any water till they penetrated through these factitious to the primeval earth may occasion a question whether springs are to be found in these substances till we reach the primeval earth, as we found they were not at Mr. Harris' at Dorchester, & therefore whether these bodies really admit the arrangements of perfect nature?

24. Sunday. Notes. Joshua Dodge & wife, d. of his Father G[eorge] Dodge, an eminent Merchant, at 82. Robert Peele & wife, d. of youngest d. from taking fire in her cloaths. William Peele & wife, d. of his g. d. above named. Mr. Bowers informed me from the records of the New Meeting, Marblehead, that at the annual meeting in this month, Revd. Mr. May having proposed anew his difficulties about baptism, refusing such as were not in the public communion of the church, the Brethren advised him to ask a dismission, to which upon the permission of a Council he consented, they granting him pecuniary aid in his removal. It is said he was to preach his farewell sermon this day. This man without personal recommendations of any sort, by an affectation of singularity in his texts & expressions, gained upon the society in its difficulties with its former pastors, & without the full consent of any man, was strangely established in the ministry. He soon discovered that he had no talents & was as overbearing as he was ignorant, & his society, as large as any in the County, soon became small. It is said that Worcester of Salem, advised him to settle in hopes to bring over the people just as he had done at Fitchburg, with scandal to religion. The event has been the same. I never saw a more unpromising man than May & never was more unable to account for the choice of a minister. The event has proved that the people could make no choice for their consent to the ordination of so unpromising a man. I have not yet heard what they agreed to give him. In North Andover, we learn a call was given to Mr. [Timothy] Alden of Portsmouth, offering 700 D. pr. annum & a settlement

of 800, which he would not accept. I have not been well informed of the circumstances under which it had been offered him from which his objections might arise. The return of Mr. Spaulding to Salem, has been announced by the speed of his journey & by the papers left by him with the Printers. Mr. Avery had almost become a rival in his absence. Abner Jones is still with us & has published a first part of his life in which he has betrayed more weakness & folly than I ever saw in a work of this kind. He must hope for reputation only with the weakest of men. The Books relative to Mr. Richardson's affairs in Hingham, have reached Salem. The vindication of Mr. Richardson by his friends soon brought a reply from his enemies in which they attempt to give me a full share of blame. These large pamphlets were handed, before I saw them, to some weak persons in my society in which they are left to do all the good or harm in their power.

25. Our Mr. [Joseph] Story, who has lost his popularity in the Legislature & our Assemblies by his professional talents displayed in political clientship, is gone upon business to Washington for friends in Boston & Salem.

26. The travelling artillery destined for Salem has reached us. Three 24 Pounders were displayed this day on their carriages upon the Crowninshield wharf. One of them was discharged. The shot passed the fort to the *Aquæ vitæ* & struck the water in the northern part of that Ledge. The distance short of one mile. The soldier at the fort informed me that he stood at the fort to see the shot strike. Several attempts to force shot have reached about the same place.

29. Our friend Hon. J. C[rowninshield] remains indisposed at Washington. He has raised blood the second time & in a greater quantity than at the first. We have great anxiety on his account as his state of health has long been delicate.

31. Sunday. We had Smith, a Clerk from the Store of H. Gray, a son of our principal merchant Gray, to preach for the Universalists. This is now the object of the public curiosity. We have had all the gloomy sects in turn & now we have the excess of the doctrine. Then let us be merry, put sorrow away. The return of Mr. Spaulding has displaced Mr. Avery, who had obtained no small share of the affections of Mr. S's flock. The following is a tale that he told Mrs. Swett. That she dreamt that she saw a man like him coming to comfort her. And as soon as he entered she fainted, &c. Such tales are put in full circulation by their enthusiasts. Unhappily for New Meeting, Marblehead, the people have been prevailed upon to send for Avery, after having dismissed a man of the same complexion. The Baptists have elected Warwick Palfray their Deacon. This weak man, a hatter by trade, was our Choirester, then Tavern

keeper in Lynn, then Singing Master at Marblehead, was first received in the North Church, Salem, under Dr. B., then dipped. He left us having taken pay for services he never performed. He was orderly Sergeant in the Reg. & the Col. says kept the fines. He had rather do anything than labour. He is now an Exhorter, while his Creditors & his family have but a small share of his attention.

February 2 [1808]. Was with Mr. Dane of Beverly. A Society in that town wish to distroy the parish incorporation & lines. The first Society has 1200 poles, the petitioning society has 300, the Upper parish 100, & the Baptist 100. This the representation in gross numbers. The less societies restless for a change. They hope to profit & do not expect to lose, but probably will suffer. The business of these incorporations is now depending in the General Court.

5. The Topsfield bill of Mortality for 1807, in this neighbourhood, out of 13 gives 8 above seventy years of age, fr[om] 70 to 80, 3, fr[om] 80 to 90, 4, & one at 90. An uncommon state of long life if it correspond to the common bills of successive years & is not a singular occurrence.

6. Friend Breed informs me this day that last Wednesday was interred in the Friend's burying ground in Lynn, my old friend William Philips, the Brother of John who died last autumn at Boston, aged 88. William had reached his 91st year & his mother died at 100, since I settled at Salem. I have been frequently very hospitably entertained at his house when abroad for fishing & amusement, & found him a man who had all the rich virtues of the denomination of Christians to which he belonged. He lived at the point called Swamscut. But lately I was at his house to carry him some acknowledgments & he tho' long blind with age, instantly recollected my voice. A truly good man. These Philips were among the first settlers in Swamscut. James lived till within a few years at the farther end of Bartlet's Beach, since called Philips', on the Hill, & Walter owned that farm west of him now possessed by Nathan Martin in right of his wife, a widow of the son of Walter Philips. William was at the homestead between Philips head & Blaney, & this is the old Philips' Beach. In some former records I have noticed the history of that knoll on which the house stands between what are called Philips' & Blaney's beaches. William Philips' mother was a Blaney.

7. Sunday. This day and on the preceding Sunday, the Free Willers did not open for worship, but the Universalists are now the Call. At Marblehead, May's people in the New Meeting House, had Avery, a Missionary who has preached for Spaulding, but this day the great Dr. Morse preached with them. He is in all troubled waters. The North Church in Boston is

thoroughly repaired. I cannot say that I am pleased with the exclusion of a middle aisle in a Church. I could not say I was pleased with the dead candles with which the branches were filled for the church was hanging with the pines of Christmas in February. The lighted candles may be some times emblematic, not ornamental. I do not find that Judge Clay answers the expectations of Dr. Stillman's multitude in Boston. The rope of sand will part.

8. I went to Boston to see the Gov[ernor] upon the appointment of a S[urveyor] of this Port. The Gov[ernor] has again assisted a nomination by covering a letter to the President for his political opposers, without consulting his friends. He gave me full leave to write to the President that he disowned any accountableness for the nomination & seemed vexed that Mr. G. had not kept the secret. He was not a little apprehensive of the consequence as he has repeatedly erred in the same way. Mr. A. was diverted with this new declaration as he had taken occasion to remark on the aptitude of the G[overnor] to err in this way. I wrote upon my return to Mr. B. C[rowninshield] who is with his Brother at W[ashington], stating fully the history of all these transactions. As I had written before to the P[resident] & S[ecretary] of T[reasury] with desires to communicate to Mr. M. S. of S., I left it at Mr. C's discretion to make use of my letter. Mr. H. of the Mass. S[enate] had written to Gen. V. S. of the H[ouse of R[epresentatives], W[ashington], so that we hope matters may be well understood, as our friend J. C[rowninshield] is in such state of health as to give us no possible assistance. Politics are an Abyss in which you sink without hope. They who are thoroughly engaged in them might lead us to conclude that no assurances, no ties, no sufferings could control their Ambitions. In the house I found them debating on the State bank.

11. Another melancholy occurrence in English street. A Mrs. Buchanan, alias Getchel, alias Lane, was in the afternoon setting before the fire with a child in her arms, in a fit of intoxication. The child fell from her arms into the fire & before aid was obtained the child was past recovery. The woman has always been thought below the ordinary character of her sex & her habits were known from the difficulty of rousing her. It is an aggravated evil as her numerous & deserving relatives feel more than the insensible fool who has brought disgrace & shame. As this is the second burning to death this season & the first season in which any such thing has happened it is more interesting to notice it. In the former case no suspicion attached itself to the event.

12. The character of political men is thus explained. Col. L[ee], our Collector, tells the Gov[ernor] he should prefer Capt.

Lander for Surveyor. Tells my Landlord B. C[rowninshield] that he should prefer him. And tells the friends of G. Hodges he should prefer him. But his name is gone on to headquarters for only one of these & all do not suffer alike from the confidence they repose in him.

13. This morning the town of Salem was deprived of one of its most active, rich & valuable citizens, in the death of Joseph Sprague, æt. 68. Came before the war into Salem from Medford, & kept a distillery. During the revolutionary war he was firm to the principles of the revolution & acquired a very handsome estate by his attention to his distillery & by his adventures at Sea. He was a man of uncommon pleasing address & his disposition to yield & to avoid everything offensive prevented him from the active services which his friends would willingly have received from him. He was their president commonly at their political assemblies & often Moderator in town affairs. He had received all the most important town offices & had been a representative in the General Court. He has been on the republican list of Senators in Essex, but that list never did obtain. The last time I was with him I dined with him at his son in Laws Stearn's, 18 Jan. when Gen. Eaton was in town. He lost his wife last season & has never been in good spirits since. About a fortnight before he died he supped early & took some sudden & violent exercise voluntarily & soon had a shock of apoplexy which finally destroyed him. He was very hospitable, very attentive to his friends, very indulgent as a father, & faithful as a husband. He was patriotic, & inclined in his opinions to the new doctrines of final Universal salvation. I never received greater attentions from any man.

14. Sunday. Rainy. No notice was taken by the family of Lane of the melancholy accident of last Thursday, & none of the females appeared in the Assembly. The circumstances were too well known to be suppressed.

15. A Quarterly visitation of the Schools. We found the Centre Writing School under Mr. Gray in good order. The Grammar School has a few small boys. The Western School under Mr. Hacker had 107 boys present & in good order. This School is distinguished by Good Writing. The Northfield School under Mr. Dodge had 60 Scholars & had a good beginning. I was not in the division of the Committee which visited the East School. We appointed Mrs. Driver for the Center Woman School for small children & a special committee to establish a woman in the South School. Both these Schools vacant by deaths.

17. We still have great tranquility in Salem. The mean artifices to create discontents in Boston were so soon detected & so fully exposed that we still remain quiet in this State. All the calls of the Seamen & others as yet have been orderly in the United



MAJOR JOSEPH SPRAGUE.

From a silhouette in the possession of the Essex Institute.

States. Time is continually affording aid to the Embargo, shewing the wisdom of it. Endless reports are in circulation.

21. Sunday. Notes. Alex. Buchanan & wife, Child burnt to death. In the past week was reported to us the Worship Bill. The various sects have prevailed so far in Massachusetts as to embrace a great part of the population. For tho' societies are not formed & houses of worship built yet in all our incorporations a number may be found who are prevented only from the want of some enterprising man to engage in the work of seperation. The first object of the worship Bill is to remove all legal impediments to any voluntary religious association, or in other words to destroy parish lines so far as regards the payment of teachers of religion. The Bill was negatived upon 4 Feb. by 127 to 102 & I do not think that the numbers are far from the relative progress of opinion on the subject. The friends of the Bill were those who had a high sense of religious liberty joined by those who are opposed to all religious establishments upon the principles of civil liberty, & from an aversion to the Clergy, who appear freely in all controversies in the Commonwealth on the side of power. As soon as the Bill appeared it was denounced by the Opposition as the Infidel Bill. It then was vindicated from this imputation by the names of its supporters. Such as Judge Bacon of Berkshire, formerly Minister of Boston & President of the Senate, & by Deacon Goodwin, who belongs to Charlestown & is much celebrated by all parties for his sincere piety & great simplicity. The increase of sects must eventually make this law necessary. But the fury of opposition was great especially by such men as wished to sound a religious alarm against the Republicans. As the Methodists have a travelling minister their names are not given but who ever will compare the Mass. Register of the Clergy in 1777 with that of the present year, & those of the intermediate years, will see the increase regularly reported which still do not inform of more than half the real number of Dissenters from the Congregational Churches, both in mind & in practice. The Baptists had formerly 2 Congregations in Boston, now four. No Methodists till lately, now 2 Assemblies, and the other sects increase in their proportion. When I came to Essex there was one Baptist Society in Haverhill, & the beginning of one in Danvers. We have now 12 worshipping assemblies of that name. We find about 200 Associations of them in the Register of 1808, but in the Register of 1777 not a fifth part of that number, & this of one sect only. The English Episcopalians decrease, but the Methodistical Episcopalians are a sect new & spreading. The Baptists begin to divide, & we are not without other sects which have not yet strength enough to assent their full claims. We cannot reckon more than double the number of Congregational Churches so that all the parishes formed by law

do not more than double the number of Baptists. And we are to remember that these Congregational Churches agree only in one point, that is, they rest upon the establishment of Parish laws. They are divided into associated & non associated. They are associated according to their attachment to certain opinions. They vary in their discipline as well as doctrine, & can concur in nothing but the parish law. In Convention they have aimed at Consociation in vain. They are jealous of their opinions. And the strict adherents of the Platform are not numerous. The Calvinists are not the greatest number. The Edwardists or Hopkinsians take their place. The Sublapsarians, the Arminians, the Unitarians, without open separation constitute a very powerful interest.

24. While Young Adams is working into political favour, young Story of the Law in this town is working out. He began with great fury. But as soon as he reached as far as the public fervour could carry him, as far as the H. of Rep. he was not content to lead his brethren but fell immediately into the hands of the opposition & dared to come forward with a project of salaries for the Judges which the opposition could not in the days of their glory obtain. He gained it by surprise & from the confidence of his friends. They were alarmed. He could not open his eyes. He dared still to venture & the next time came with three bills of Judicature. They were rejected as far as they had his patronage, & as he confessed he had lost all influence in the house, to console him, he was sent to manage the mad Yazoo business in the face of the most violent prejudices & the votes not to give him a hearing was of 77 to 27.

27. One of our vessels which sailed before the Embargo bound to France, was taken by the English & retaken by the Crew & has reached Nantucket. She was commanded by W. Richardson of this port. This week a Republican Caucus was held at Treadwell's, Ipswich, about 40 present. The Nominations were Sullivan, G., L. Lincoln, L. G., Senators, D. Kilham, I. Harthorne, T. Kitteridge, W. Pearson, Capt. Moses Little, John Prince. And for County Treasurer, R. Bailey. They passed several resolves expressive of confidence in the form of our Government in the administration of the embargo, & the measures designed to change the power of the Judiciary. This John Prince is of Marblehead. an independant man, but very tenacious of his own opinions upon a sudden impulse. D. Kilham is now in the Council. Harthorne & Kitteridge & Prince in the House. Pearson is in the House from Gloucester. M. Little is from Newbury. We have never been able to carry our Senators in this County. Indeed no parts of the State are less known to each other than the different parts of the County of Essex.

28. Sunday. Mary Cloutman, d. of her husband Daniel C.

Mary McMellan & children, d. of her husband, pr. for her son at sea. Thomas Barnes & wife, d. of her sister Sara, wife of G. Smith aet. 40, a Driver. We have lately had a Preacher from Scotland. He exhibited in the High Churches, but I have not yet obtained his name. He has been sent to the distracted new M. H. in Marblehead & has preached occasionally in that place. My friend M. N. Martin was very zealous for the Parish Bill which dissolved all parish lines & left the ministry to voluntary contributions. He has married a Quaker & is a member of G[eneral] C[court] from Marblehead. He was for calling up the bill as soon as it was negatived. A few such firm men are formidable in this age of experiments, for they persevere.

March 1 [1808]. I was invited to visit the Friend's Meeting house to hear Richard Jordan, an Itinerant Preacher. He says he had been in 6 European nations. He began by remarks that Jesus gave not only word but example. That peace is the language of the Gospel. That he had seen the horrors of war, & he told a tale respecting Ireland, truly affecting. He intended by it to encourage passive suffering & non resistance as to power. He held to a special commission to preach. Was an American, vested by poverty, but a desire for the peace of the world. Such men know little what is going on in it but their theory is excellent. All his doctrine tends to a special providence, mistaking the effect of a general for a partial peace. The honest man among robbers.

2. This morning died Elizabeth, Wife of Ebenezer Putnam, A.M. He was the only son of Dr. E. Putnam of Salem, & married Sarah, d. of Gen. Fiske in 1791. After her decease he married the next d. Elizabeth, 1796, who is now dead. No children of his former wife are living & 6 sons remain by the last wife. Only one of Gen. Fiske's children, Nancy, Mrs. Allen, remains. Mrs. Putnam lay in about 6 weeks ago, was well at table on Monday last, was taken after dinner with a complaint in the bowels, & died in 30 hours, aet. 29. Mrs. P. was a modest woman & an affectionate mother. Never more happy than with her children who all appeared to profit from her care. Mr. P. was very much with his family & is inconsolable for his loss which is not only sudden, but great. How different the condition of families in a few years. None more flourishing than Gen. Fiske's a few years since.

6. Sunday. Note. Edw. Allen & wife, d. of her Sister Putnam & for herself very sick. The early death of all the children of this family interests us for Mrs. A. In the past week I took notice in the Register of the Criticisms which had been made upon some of my publications, in the Anthology of Boston, which is maintained to give a literary influence like the Anti-Jacobin Review &c. in England, & supported by the English party in America. I stated some questions respecting Father Gray & the

art of Writing. I may have abuse. If I have an answer, it will be the first they have ever attempted. The appearance of R. Jordan at the Friend's meeting excited much attention. He was not of the common stamp. Some say he was bred a Lawyer & that the character was assumed. If so, he certainly acted it to perfection. I believe nothing but what is good of him. I probably loved him more as he was more practical than his neighbours. Mr. Davis dined with me at Mr. J. Watson's as the first time in which he had changed the seats in the Meeting House with his Scholars as Singing Master. Capt. J[ohn] R[ose] Dalling, who died in Salem last Thursday & was buried this day, was son in law of the Great Dr. Macclentoc of Greenland, & was much lamented by the citizens who knew him.

8. Mr. Watson's old house, corner of Union street upon Essex street, sold for about one hundred dollars, to be removed immediately. It is of great antiquity. Its Owner in the last century was Capt. Pickering. It had been standing nearly a Century & an half & was built adjoining a house owned by one of the Brownes & afterwards by Madam Turner. Into Browne's part Dr. Holyoke went to board with Madam Turner when he came to Salem in 1749. He is yet living & in great health in his 80th year. A most honourable notice was taken of John Dickinson in the Nat[ional] Int[elligencer]. Mr. White in the U. S. Senate, announced his death & the senate agreed to go in mourning one month. Similar notice was taken in the House. The obligations of our country to this man are almost without parallel. His name at the commencement of the revolution sounded throughout the Colonies and he has pursued one undeviating course through his whole patriotic life.

10. We now see why Mr. Otis called for communications made to the Gov[ernor]. T. Pickering, who has been a curse to the nation, had written a letter & the council advised to send it back & it must be published. This is the man that was a scourge to Washington & Adams & is now the unfeeling boot of political opposition to Jefferson.

11. A copy of Pickering's letter was sent on from Boston where it was printed, published, & applauded. It appeared in the Gazette of the day. It has nothing to recommend it. Desitute of talents as a Writer & too violent in his prejudices ever to discern what was true or politic, he must always depend upon the returns which his friends make to him for his services for the momentary reputation of his folly.

12. Electioneering kept back till the last moment bursts out again. The same federal Candidates are offered with several marks of insult to the Republicans. The Republicans have suffered much from the infidelity of Story, from the absence of three of the Crowninshields, & from the pains taken to make the

Republicans accountable for the Embargo, the loss of a free trade & for war. The division is so nearly equal that any changes are severely felt by both parties in Salem.

13. Sunday. We had our singers for the first time in their seats. It is not for a long time that Music has been cultivated. My Warden tells me that 40 years ago Mr. Mascoll Williams bought two copies of Tansur, & dare not venture as a Clerk of the Episcopal Church & bookseller to venture further. That one of these he purchased & it is now in my hands. A second Edition published in London in 1760, had a better fate & this I hold. To prepare for it, the first generally encouraged book was Walter's which was published in Boston by S. Gerrish in 1746 but recommended by the Ministers in 1721. In the recommendation they say that an Ingenious hand having prepared instructions to sing Psalms in a regular manner & being called upon to signify their approbation they encourage this work. The names subscribed to the recommendation were P. Thacher, J. Sewall, T. Prince, J. Webb, W. Cooper, T. Foxcroft, S. Checkly, I. Mather, C. Mather, N. Walter, J. Belcher, B. Wadsworth, B. Colman, N. Williams, N. Hunting, all known ministers of that time & all but four of Boston. The tunes in it are Canterbury, St. Mary's, 100 Psalm, Commandment, St. David's, Gloucester, Southwel, old & new, London old & new, Windsor, York, Oxford, Martyr's, St. James, Penitential Hymn, 81 Psalm, 85 Psalm, 119th, 115th, 148th, Westminster, Peterborough. In all 24 Tunes. The recom. dated 18 Ap. 1721.

14. This was the day of our Annual Town Meeting. As our seamen were in port an increase of votes was of course, & the Opposition conceived that by the sound of Embargo, war & trade, & by Pickering's letter carefully published immediately before the election they would do much. They observed great secrecy but on election eve appeared with tickets having the arms of the Union & the administration like a shipwreck, with odious epithets. At the meeting it soon appeared the Republicans were the majority. Every art was employed to perplex the business & had not some of the best of them become tired of the confusion, it was very uncertain what might have been the consequences. The List of Selectmen obtained which was brought by the Republicans. Col. Harthorne was moderator & John Punchard Clerk. More business could not be done, & in doing this, they were obliged to go into the Tabernacle Meeting House to count votes. The highest number for a Republican Selectman in 1807 was 579, & upon the opposition ticket, 503. This year the highest republican number was 735, & the highest opposition number 606. Difference in 1806, 76, in 1807, 129, so we lost nothing.

15. In pulling down the house of Elder Brown, head of Un-

ion street, this day were found in the sealing John Brinsley's Latin Grammar by questions & answers, entire excepting the title page. The Ep. ded. to Ab. Johnson is dated 12 June 1611, in 184 pages sm. 4to. Upon it is the name of John Swinnerton, 1652. The other in 24to, is entitled the Grand Maxims to be united on, the title page partly burnt, & printed in Boston. Name on it Elizabeth Pickering, 1736. It was printed by Gerrish & is from a text in Rev. 14, 6, 7, in 93 pages. It is probably from Dr. Cotton Mather who died 1708, but no name appears on the title page, yet some very candid good wishes in the work. Pickering's heirs held their part from James Browne, the last of whom married Ab. Watson, & his son John removed the buildings from their part. Madam Turner purchased from the Brown's & held her part till death & our most eminent Physician Dr. Holyoke boarded [there] when he came to Salem from Cambridge in 1749, & is still living at 80 years of age & in the practice of Physic. Mr. Watson tells me that John Swinnerton, whose Grammar is found, was a School master in Salem & he has the arms of the Swinnerton family still in his own house. S. Koket's heirs sold the next lot through which Union street passes to Capt. Carlton, & his heirs to Manning, the present possessor. Benj., Son of S. Koket was born in 1671 & the estate was sold to Capt. Allen about 1733. Koquet.

16. Rainy & thunder showers in the evening. The glass in the course of the day as high as 50°. The Gov's letter transmitting T. Pickering's letter to the writer has appeared & it does honour to the Governour. This P. wishes the Gov. to be the organ of a libel on the General Government. The letter of P. has procured but a short lived applause. His shameful conduct to Washington & Adams, when followed by the ill treatment he has given Mr. Jefferson, marks an insolent tool of a faction. Little is said in his defence in this his native place. All say it is just like him.

18. The Federal Selectmen obtained in Gloucester, but not the Rep. [Federal?] C[ounty] Treasurer. The poll was closed soon & the Republicans lost their votes for Selectmen. Enough appeared for the County T. whose votes were taken afterwards. So we go. In Beverly, the Republicans have rich men, not high in reputation. Not a single circumstance can be found which does not prove that every election will be warmly contested. The popular plea is the Embargo. But it touches the bone & the flesh & few reason about it.

19. Job Swinnerton & John Pickering were here before 1639 among the first settlers. Of the lot at the head of Union street or Long Wharf Lane, it appears that on 30 Sept. 1665, Elizabeth, W. of W. Giggles, sells to James Browne 33 poles of land, bounded on the north by highway, on the E. by Giggles's cart

way, Son Giggles. W. partly on James, son of John & partly on John Brown senior. So that the House held by Keket was Giggles'. Hannah Swinnerton was the widow of this James Brown in the distribution of James' estate in 1694, & is declared to be mother of Bartholomew, James & the Sisters, & widow of John Swinnerton, so that Capt. John Pickering's wife was a Brown. In 1675, James Browne buys of Thomas Giggles, the cartway to be open between his own land & John Cromwell & Joseph Hardy, the whole length of said Brown's land from the Town street to Robert Glanfield's. Glanfield & Cromwell are witnesses. Samuel Shrimpton of Boston, Merchant, acknowledges to have received 130, the balance due to him from James Browne's estate by John Swinnerton & Hannah his wife in 1682, & the acquittance he signed in presence of N. Willoughby & Secretary Addington & acknowledged before the Gov. S. Bradstreet, 6 Nov. 1682. It is now ascertained that John Swinnerton, whose Grammar has been found in the House, was a Schoolmaster & died between 1682 & 1694 as he executed a paper in the first year & his wife was a widow in the last. John Swinnerton's Grammar is marked as his own 1652 above 30 years before he died. It will be necessary to enquire what sort of a School he kept between 1650 & 1680, because this will determine whether private Schools were kept at this time. It seems a writing School distinct from the Grammar School was encouraged in 1700 & from that time a regular school was maintained. In the preceding year, 1699, the Grammar School had twenty Scholars.

20. Sunday. Alice Ropes, d. of her Husband abroad, fr. at sea. James Chever & wife, d. of his B. in law Daniel Ropes, pr. for fr. at sea. Capt. Ropes has been long abroad freighting in Europe & was owner of part of the Ship in which he sailed. In the storm of January he got ashore upon the English coast & died on 12 January having been previously indisposed. He has a father & Mother living in Salem. In the past week Mr. Buckminster was with me as he preached in the North Meeting House last Sunday.

22. No pains have been spared to speed Pickering's letter. Thousands are sent into the province of Maine. Thousands printed at Springfield & Northampton, besides the thousands in Boston. In pamphlets & newspapers, no doubt 100 thousand copies are dispersed in New England only from New England presses. We have now full proof of zeal, we must wait to see the consequences. The several communications from Mr. Adams of the Senate are adapted to counteract this letter if the same zeal is employed to circulate them. In Salem, Pickering's letter had no effect in their favour, as the Republican majority increased. The different parts of the County & State votes have been told of its success but they were soon contradicted upon sufficient authority.

23. This evening we had a federal Caucus. In their resolves they oppose the Gen. & State Government, countenance Pickering's Letter & organise rebellion in principle against the measures of our Country. It is not possible to go further without arms. And yet this is done coolly, & most of the votes had not conception of the ind[ec]ency of any of these measures. Mr. S[amuel] Putnam, a Lawyer of this town, small in person, pert in manners, & alien to Pickering, is the new Candidate on their list of Senators in place of Thorndike resigned.

25. The advantage taken by the Federalists in Cape Ann roused the resentment of the republicans & action & reaction was the same. The event is not yet known. The widow Ruth Goodhue who died last week in Salem near Town bridge, was the widow of Benjamin Goodhue at her decease. This B. G. was father of the present Hon. B. G. late of the Senate of U. S. Her first husband was a Putnam, father to Bartholomew Putnam, late Surveyor of the Port, who has resigned & is still living & this was her Son. She was of the antient family of the Gardners in this Town. Thomas Bancroft Esqr. æt. 42, who died lately in Canton, China, supercargo of a ship [the Hercules] from Salem, grad. at Cambridge in 1788. Came & took a school in Salem & was afterwards Clerk of the Court of pleas & sessions. He then married an Ives, descendant from the Hale family & heir to Madam Poynton by will. His health induced him to engage in foreign voyages & he had success. He now died of dysentery. He was from Lynnfield, & his father is now living. He has left one child, an Infant male.

April 1 [1808]. The Feds. had a Caucus on Monday and the Reps. this evening. They were instructed by the president's document & by the spirit of their brethren in this vicinity. Col. Lee in the chair. The utmost republican displeasure falls upon Col. Pickering. The history of his military character is exposed in his cowardise at Lexington & his repeated dismission from posts in the army by Washington. The history of his political character as Secretary of the State is exposed in his conduct to president Adams, in concealing papers, writing letters, delivering up citizens & justifying abuses. And now in his treason, against the spirit of his own votes in the Senate. From his youth his townsmen proclaim him assuming, turbulent, & headstrong.

2. Another Handbill containing the substance of what Mr. [Edward St. L.] Livermore, from Congress, delivered at a Caucus at Ipswich while the Court was sitting there last Friday. It renders him accountable for nothing but gives an awful picture of the present administration as surely leading the country to ruin. The old house at the corner going from Essex street to the Common or Washington Square at the western end, was built early in the Century past by a Mr. Higginson, Son of John the

Minister, & afterwards came partly by inheritance to Deacon Andrew. It is now at the eastern side of the entrance in a very decayed state & belongs to the Gardners, purchased from the Son of Deacon Andrew whose children are now in prosperity with good hopes.

4. Was our election of Governour, Senators & the struggle was hard, & the number of votes were 1773, of which Gov. Sullivan for the Republicans had 894, a majority of 15 votes. Pickering's letter has had no good effect for his party, as hundreds did not appear at the poll in Boston, who were seen there last year. So far as the towns have been reported the general statement is much in the ratio of the past year, so that the great efforts have not shifted the balance but put on more weight. On the side of depravity, perseverance sure of depravity, sure of success.

7. Our annual fast & our new music brought to us a full congregation & an increase in the Contribution. Salem has as much good order, but less attendance at public worship than on common days, as I have observed for 25 years, only some particular occurrences attract notice. We have two services at fasts as in Boston, but [only] one at Thanksgiving while they have two invariably except in the Episcopal churches. The English had their proclamation for a Fast in England & Ireland on 17 Feb. & in Scotland on 18th. These continue to be much respected in New England, by silence & by laying aside all manual labour & all public business. But in Boston they attend to public worship more on these days than on ordinary Sundays, probably from the political discourses delivered on such days.

9. This day Capt. G. Hodges received his warrant as a Surveyor of this Port. We had good assurances of his success. It is to be wished our Gov[ernor] had known as much then as he does now, when he encouraged the rival candidate to soften his enemies. However he made full atonement. The votes continue to come for Gov[ernor] & they remain balanced after having exceeded 25 thousand each.

10. Sunday. Richard Manning 2d, wife & family, d. of his Son in Law N[athaniel] Harthorne.* Capt. N. Harthorne died at Surinam on his voyage from this port & was the son of Capt. D[aniel] H[arthorne] of this town, æt. 33. He left a widow & 3 children.

13. We were this day agreeably amused with the arrival of a British Prize. One of our vessels [the brig Nancy] belonging to S. Gray, Merchant of Salem, coming for the Mediterranean, was taken by a British Ship of war & men put on board & she was ordered for Bermuda. The seamen from some cause could not find the Island & delivered up the vessel to the American seamen who brought her safe into this port. The vessel arrived this day.

The father of Nathaniel Hawthorne.

This is a seasonable event as it explains the situation of Commerce by events before the eyes. We had had notice of this event by an arrival which spoke with the Brig & a Sloop with men was sent after her but she kept on her course & we saw the mariners of the British ship pass by this day with full liberty to return again.

14. In examining my Register of Deaths it gave an unexpected result respecting the Length of Life in Mariners. As some men follow the seas only a part of their lives I took only such as had arrived to the command of Vessels & then spent life if not in the labours of the seas, in the enjoyment of the fruits of their labours. I found unequivocally of this description from 1785 to 1807 inclusively that is in 23 years, the whole number 64, that of those, 33 died at home & 31 abroad. That of the 33 who died at home, 21 were above fifty, but only one above fifty died abroad. So that two thirds of those who died at home passed fifty years. That of those who died at home 9 were above seventy, & therefore as great a proportion of the seamen died above 70 as of the whole bill of mortality, which was in that proportion, & some of these went up to 80 years & even beyond it.

17. Sunday. Sarah Beckford & D., d. of husband abroad at sea, pr. for Br. abroad. Her husband Jonathan Beckford, lost on his return from the West Indies last spring. Hopes were long entertained. Jonathan Beckford & wife & children, for his son & Br. at sea. Samuel Chever & wife, d. of Son in law Beckford, & pr. Son abroad. Jacob Endicott & wife, d. of her father Thomas Hawkes of Lynnfield, æt. 65.

18. Jonathan Mitchell Sewall Esqr, æt. 61, Councillor at Law, was born in Salem, 1748. His parents died young. Chief Justice Stephen Sewall educated him. He went into Mercantile Affairs, but from health went to sea & visited Spain & upon his return studied law with Jonathan Sewall, an eminent Lawyer, then in Boston, & finished his studies with John Pickering Esqr. of Portsmouth, lately deceased. Mr. J. M. S. was quite eccentric. He was a belles Lettres Scholar & a volume of his miscellanies was published, Portsmouth, 1801, 12 mo. p. 304, under the title of Miscellaneous Poems &c by J. M. Sewall, Esqr. He was secretary of the Convention which formed the N. H. constitution.

19. Sent the first letter to my Brother Child of Groton, in answer to his first letter signed David Child. He married my youngest sister, Wid. Susanna Woolley. Capt. John Allen has reached this port. He had been taken but recovered his vessel & has reached home. This is the second in a short time which has escaped in the same manner. From the detention of many mariners in our port, the number of small boats sailing in our harbour is greater than was ever known & accidents are apprehended from



JACOB CROWNINSHIELD.

Salem Merchant and Member of Congress. From the painting by Robert Hinkley after a miniature, now in the Peabody Museum, Salem.

the careless manner in which they are managed. Three persons last week were drowned at Portsmouth from one of them. But they have answered this purpose, they have made fish plenty. Haddock have been offered in our market at half a cent a piece. The Alewives do not run freely yet. This has been imputed to the privileges sold in the river. Last year 480 barrels were taken in North river above the town. I saw them fishing this day at Frye's Mills.

20. News that on Friday last, 15 instant, at 5 a. m. died, at Washington, Hon. Jacob Crowninshield of this town of Salem, æt. 38. He was a member of Congress from this district. We lament him very much for his Natural Abilities, his great Commercial knowledge, his sincere virtues, & his inflexible patriotism. I have known him from a lad & have nothing to blame in him. He was everything in every domestic, social & civil relation. Had he not been confined in his early education & early been engaged in the business of the Seas he would have left none before him.

22. The official accounts reached us from Washington of the death of Mr. J. Crowninshield. We were prevented from any compliments [in the Register] to Mr. C. by a character sent by a Brother in Law tho we did not suffer it to pass with glaring defects. This is not the first time that such interference has produced evil. More will be expected & more cannot with decency be granted. To refuse, or to censure, or to ask a question, is to offend the person who thinks perhaps that he is doing right, while the public are astonished at a silence they know not how to explain. We suspect that in this business there is the hand of an enemy.

23. Charles Howe & wife who both died, æt. 91, this month had lived together 70 years. A very rare example both of longevity & of cohabitation. It is not said how long they lived in Essex, Vermont, as it is not far from Burlington, Chittenden Co., & so in the upper part of that new state.

24. Sunday. Samuel Webb & Sisters, d. of their Mother H. Webb, pr. for g. son at sea. John Allen, d. of his wife in his Absence. John Pellet sick, bleeding at lungs. A Schoolmaster A.M. Yale from Conn. This evening I spent with B. Crowninshield upon his return from Washington. He informed me that I was noticed in his Brother's will. But to my surprise upon my return I found without any discrimination with some who had opposed the services I had endeavoured to render him. Before, I had doubts of the form of receiving it, now I have none.

27. Crowninshield came 1686. Three Sons he had, John Clifford & Richard. Richard went to Attleborough. John born in Boston, 1697 & died at Salem, 1761, æt. 65. Jacob, son of George, Son of John, born 1770. In 1790 went Master of Schooner Active, 14 July, for Europe. In 1791, in Ship Henry

for West Indies, 26 June. In 1792 he returned, 3 Nov. from Calcutta & Isle of France. In 1793, 23 Jan. went in same ship Henry for India. In 1794 returned, 12 Nov. from Calcutta. In 1801 he was chosen into the Senate of Mass. In 1802 chosen Member of Congress, died at Washington 15 Ap. 1808. Married Sarah Gardner, 1797 & she died 1807, four children.

30. Several of our vessels that pushed out at the first notice of the Embargo have returned. Three were carried into Gibraltar, & two escaped from the fleet & returned home with their cargoes not in better condition than when they went out with all the charges of the voyage to pay. And yet the opposition makes ceaseless clamours about the embargo to make the administration unpopular & complain ever that the President has power to suspend it.

May 1 [1808]. Sunday. George Crowninshield, wife, children, relatives & friends on d. of Hon. Jacob Crowninshield at Washington. B. Patterson & wife, d. of their youngest child. John Pellet, for him sick with pulmonary complaints. John Barry & wife, her delivery. This day I delivered a funeral discourse upon the death of Jacob Crowninshield our worthy member of Congress. So virulent is political party we could not be suffered to perform this service undisturbed. A relative of Timothy Pickering undertook to place himself in the centre of the congregation to insult them. His name was Blanchard, & his father lives in Wenham, he in Boston. This is the party who have a deep interest in promoting religion. While in Europe things go from bad to better, in our country they go from bad to worse. The last fast has exposed the Ministers to great & just blame. John J. S. Gardner, minister of Trinity Church, Boston, in the English Communion, on that occasion took the liberty of outrageously abusing our government. This man is celebrated for his classical taste but not eminent for piety or theology. The sermon has appeared from the press. Little Parish, the Co-editor with Morse in Geographies & Children's books, has taken other ground & instead of political, has given mystical abuse, & charges our Government with being in league with Antichrist. As many people are very superstitious in New England this will do more harm than John Gardner's little book. Even the good Dr. Lathrop thought he ought to bespatter a little as the rhymes went of old times. This John, old north, of little worth, in point of talents it may be said. And even the stupid [Rufus] Anderson of Wenham, ventured to tell the people that day that Jefferson & Sullivan were bad men & he hoped they would be very cautious of them. These are not small things as they keep the public mind disquiet & must in the end degrade religion, civil society & human nature.

3. Was our day for Inspection of Arms. We had four Uniform Companies out & 5 Companies of Militia. Much praise is due to the uniform companies but the Militia with good arms & good men & great subordination are without the shadow of military discipline. The truth seems to be the Rich cannot by mere influence get the offices & they assist to promote till shaped for turn of time such men as have not the least claim to military talents. Our Col. has lately left his trade as a barber & has no talents & no experience. Our Major of Artillery was a shoemaker without fire or any military service. The Captains & subalterns deserve much more praise than the field officers & their superiors in rank. The Republicans are not Office Seekers.

5. We find the most active measures to distract the public mind & the opposition declare that they gain upon us. In Cape Ann we have lost our Representatives. We have not a Capt. J. Gibaut to employ his talents with that rude people. Pickering has given another letter about his services, but without any proof that he possessed any talents, was acceptable to either of our presidents, & did not intrude his services. President Adams would not vote with the Opposition. Some reports are in circulation that Mr. [Elbridge] Gerry, since the new division of Cambridge, voted with the Federalists. The Chronicle tells us he approves of public measures. But we wished some particular information. These political leaders have such jealousies as often obscure their virtues & tend to deceive the people. The Feds. make much of this incident.

8. Sunday. Notes. Samuel Hazelton, d. of his wife. He sick & weak. Richard Palfrey & children, d. of his d. Hazelton, pr. son at sea. Thomas P. Reeves & wife, d. of youngest child. We have new assurances that the same game which has been played in Europe, is to be played in this Country. The scheme of Illuminatism was a Jesuitical plan to alarm Europe. It was zealously displayed by Barruel on this continent & as zealously defended by Robinson in Great Britain. It had great effect while the alarm continued. It was soon developeed, & the work of Meunier gave the death blow to its influence. In vain did all the declarations of the accused appear, till full evidence was given that the French revolution had no connection with this Association. The plan in America is not to associate any charges with facts. We have no Jesuits in talents in this Country, tho we have in villainy. Religion is to make its defence by Mysticism & one Parish, a Colleague of Morse & tool of the Parson, whose father he succeeds in the ministry at Newbury, Byfield, is to give the alarm. The French are Antichrist. The opposers of British tyranny are friends to Antichrist, & such things have been published as contained in a Fast Sermon of April last & in

our own County. Before I could have any knowledge of this vile performance & of the notice it had attracted, I found myself posted in the Newburyport Herald as having made remarks upon this Sermon & with all that stupid invective which is adopted to aid the success of deep malignity, & villainy. I expressed what I thought just contempt of the book & of the charge but find the book in circulation where few are able to read or purchase it. Morse is afraid to Appear again. His reputation is lost, & so this little manufacturer of School books, little histories & geographies, who is afraid of nothing, is employed in this shameful business. I have already noticed the Fast Sermon & prayers put in circulation for the same vile purpose of British interest & insult to our Government. According to late papers James Mil-timore was ordained at the New Meeting House in Newbury not far from Newburyport. This man has been ordained at Strat-ham in New Hampshire & has left his charge. He was intimate with Mr. Murray of Newbury Port, & preached at his funeral. Mr. Spaulding's new Book called the Divine Theory, has appeared in the first Volume in a large Octavo. The lectures of this Crazy man were sufficient to ruin any man's reputation, as well as all the Sermons he has printed, but this is still worse than any of them. He found at what price it could be printed & covered it by a subscription which he obtained by solicitation & a determination not to [be] abashed by any speeches, refusals, or direct contempt he might suffer. He says he applied to Dr. Osgood of Medford. The Dr. told him he knew him to be a weak man but hoped better things than an attempt to print such a book & advised him to go home & burn it.

9. The Opposition avail themselves of their power over their party in towns decisively Federal, to increase the number of their representatives. Boston has nominated 31 & other opposition towns in the same ratio. The Republicans dare not take such steps. In Salem, the Republicans propose 9, but the Federalists, tho' at the present the minority, 11, & are not afraid of the desertion of their partizans. Such is the strength of a minority or the zeal of a long & unsuccessful struggle. In New York City, the friends of Government have gained 1100 majority but in the State the loss is very great from misrepresentation of public measures. The loss in our state is certainly much beyond our gain. To encourage us, it is said that J. Q. Adams will be present at the Republican Caucus in Boston. It is surely a time of peril but that is the time to become great for our Country.

10. To show that superstition is not done away, a Continental Soldier with his maple rods was with me to borrow a bible & Psalm Book with a benediction to recover some chests of money upon the Neck. After his usual superstitions I granted him a bible & psalms at his wishes & he pretended he should go to work

this evening. Some persons took a serious part in these adventures, at least to see what would come of it. He strongly urged me to be present. Alas for human nature. He called himself Dorrell of Brooklyn near Boston.

11. Dorrell brought back the bible early this morning & delivered it to the family. I heard nothing of his success. It seems he communicated nothing at the farm on the Neck tho' seen to pass. What progress have we made while we still have our Conjurers &c. in full credit. A Captain Foster found at sea a mass about a foot square & was unable to ascertain what it was. Upon examination it proved to be a mass of tallow. It was found far out on the Western ocean, probably floated from the coast of South America. It had an irregular surface & at first glance resembled a root. Its darker color within discovered it to be from the wild Bison of America.

13. We had our Federal Caucus last evening & 9 Representatives were agreed upon, the same number as the Republicans had. It is a pleasing fact that Mr. William Gray, our richest Merchant & the richest merchant in New England, if not in the U. S., has openly declared his approbation of the measures of the Government and of the Embargo in particular, a fact of great consequence in this part of our Country from his great Mercantile character & influence. Capt. Joseph White is in consent with him. This evening the Republicans had a caucus well attended & several speeches were made & one by J. Story who has given us much trouble. The same Representatives were nominated as were upon the seats of the house last year. The doubling of the Representations in all federal towns has given a great advantage to the Opposition. The success of their measures still remains doubtful. Much depends upon the conduct of Salem on this occasion.

14. This is the busy day of our elections. Our friends pronounce it the hardest struggle. The number agreed on was 9. Eight friends of the Administration were chosen. Our friends say that more of the Opposition were present than of our friends & that they carried the vote to send only the Eight elected. Our friends say many were disposed for another choice. But the truth probably is, that at the moment, both parties thoroughly fatigued, were glad of any terms to end their labours, which were undoubtedly severe. An old man past ninety was taken from his bed & brought by the republicans to vote, as the old man said, against the old tories. The day was without disturbance for our notable Gen[eral] [Derby] was persuaded to be absent & abroad all day. Hand bills were circulated by the Opposition declaring Federal gain to be above 150. But it was poorly written & little read. The time of Election is no time for Hand bills when parties are so warmly engaged & have their business arranged. It was believed that bribery at Elections had never before been so freely practiced in this town.

15. Sunday. Note. Thomas Street & wife for him sick. We are informed that last week the Son of late Ebenezer Hubbard, minister of Marblehead, was ordained at Newbury New Town, so called. The public account has not yet reached us. This society has been under a Mr. [True] Kimball, & since his dismission has had different preachers & has been in rather a divided state. We have just received an account of the Ordination of Revd. Ebenezer Hubbard where Mr. Tomb last preached. The service was performed by a mixed council. Mr. Giles, Dr. Dana, & Mr. Stone known. The Ord. on 11 instant. Sermon from Mr. Flint of Lunenburg.

17. Was one of our Military review days in which the Militia are under the separate command of their Captains. We had an exhibition of the Youth. A Company in uniform under eighteen years, called the Washington Rangers, in the light dress of the Rangers, & under sixteen, the Juvenile Artillery, in the usual dress of our Artillery. The neatness of their appearance excited much attention & they appeared to seize the airs of military discipline. We had such before our revolution, & Paddock's Company was well known in Boston in the days of our youth. This day the District Caucus met at Ward's, Southfields, & the candidates were B. Crowninshield, D. Kilham, & J. Story. Mr. C. plead his health & business & was excused. Mr. K. had 14 votes & J. Story 18. This was a sad disappointment to me as I would as soon vote for the most violent man in the Opposition. We might then see our enemy. S's brother & friends were over from Marblehead, & as one of the Members told me, there were many sudden conversions.

18. This day at noon the Vessel was seen entering our harbour with the body of Hon. Jacob Crowninshield from Baltimore. She anchored about two & the body was landed at the Crowninshield's wharf & lodged in one of the Stores. Notice was given & a general attendance was given of the citizens. Above 150 couple were in the procession from the Wharf to the Tomb. The body was first lodged in an elegant coffin at Washington & then covered with lead at Baltimore, & on the outside was strongly boxed. To support this weight the body was conveyed upon the Carriage of a family coach & was preceded by a few favorite friends. The Male relatives followed the Body & then the Citizens at their discretion. The procession moved about 4 P. M. An address was made at the place of interment [by Dr. Bentley] & accompanied with a prayer, & the citizens then dispersed. One bell tolled to give notice of the procession when it moved. The body was interred in the New Ground near North river, in the family tomb back of the Branch Church.

19. We had our first meeting of the School Committee. The names reported of the Committee as it now stood were, Gideon

Barstow, W. Bentley, B. Crowninshield, John Harthorne, S. Hemmenway, G. J. Johonnot, Jona. Mason, Levi Maxey, John Saunders, Elisha Smith, J. Spaulding, Henry Prince, & Joseph Sprague. A Book for Checks was provided for the School Committee without their Concurrence or knowledge & was returned by the Clerk. The Salaries of the Masters & Mistresses were continued. The late appointed mistresses approbated & the former method of drawing orders continued. A Committee was chosen to wait upon the Revd. Mr. Bolles, for the Annual Meeting, consisting of Mr. Spaulding, Saunders & Sprague. The next meeting for the quarterly visitation on second Monday in June.

20. This evening we had our Republican Caucus. It was not well attended. If we must die a natural death it is not necessary to commit suicide. I would sooner trust the vilest opposer than a secret enemy & hypocrite, or a man that would sell one at any price. The Federalists say they want no candidates. J[oseph] S[tory] will answer as well for them as any man they could chuse. What they may do at the impulse of a moment cannot be known. But if they consult their ease & their interest they will leave things as they are & let the Republicans sign their own death warrants & go to the execution themselves.

22. Sunday. Died in this town, Simon Lamb, æt. 83. A better man the Sun never shone upon. He was Tyler of Essex Lodge from its beginning, above 30 years. He was a Sailmaker by occupation. The Essex Lodge concluded to pay him every honour at his interment, 80 Brethren walking in procession & an address was delivered at the grave. I thought this a just respect to a man of the real worth which Mr. Lamb always discovered that he possessed. The procession was this evening. He died on the 20 May.

23. The Federalists either would not or could not run a Candidate for Congress, the first is more probable, tho' they have pretended they invited several. But Story's friends have told our Simpletons that the design of the party is to disunite us, to deter them from falling off from it which they are generally disposed to do. The votes therefore we carried in very negligently, & most of them from insinuating that the enemy meant to take an advantage. Our party, for such I call it, in this quarter never appeared more contemptible, & it must be only a sacred regard to the National interest that would attach a sober man to them on such degrading circumstances. Story carried it with about 1900 votes & very trifling if any real opposition. The Feds. have now gained all they want in this quarter.

24. The triumph of yesterday was a fit introduction to the transactions of this day in Salem, as this day probably will be to the transactions of the Morrow in Boston. Yesterday we were entertained with the training of horses for the Cavalcade of this

day. About one hundred horses passed over Northfield Bridge to escort Tim. Pickering into Salem to partake of a public dinner. They returned through Salem & had a *feu de joie* at Concert Hall. Who the wretches* were that conducted this insult to our government I never asked. I left the town & spent the day at Nahant. The people were with difficulty restrained from violence. Effigies were hung in different places & burnt at the close of the day but no riotous conduct took place. No procession to the hall took place from fear of noise & such as could retired before sundown, & after dark the rest were kindly removed. At Nahant, I found no person on a visit to that place. Upon passing through Marblehead & Lynn farms by the Waterside I found the road from Blaney's to the Town laid open & the road above Needham's beach continued to the Lynn road by which we formerly passed. They were fencing & forming the road at this time. This is the first time the way has not been with gates & bars.

25. Election day Wednesday. I had prepared to go to Boston, but the weather being foul &c. I did not leave home & no intelligence reached us this day.

26. We have correct news from Boston & the Opposition have obtained in every branch of the Legislature. Several returns are erroneously made & among other towns, from Salem & Marblehead. It is not very pleasing at such times to discover such gross errors in our friends.

27. The Salem Gazette of this day represents the entertainment of T. Pickering as rather an act of hospitality than of insult to the Government, tho' in the face of day they have published some very affrontive toasts given on the occasion.

29. Sunday. Note. Sarah Street & Children, d. of her husband.

30. This was the first fine Spring like day this season. I spent the afternoon at Spring pond. Not a Nymph appeared & very few flowers had disclosed. The Alewives had ceased to run. Federalism goes with a high hand. A Remonstrance, as it indeed is, has already been introduced into the House to disapprove of the proceedings of the former Legislature. We have nothing to hope from its indulgence, & invective was never more busy in our country than at the present moment.

31. Mrs. [Elizabeth] Little, æt. 34, was buried this evening. She was a daughter of the late G[eorge] Williams, an eminent Merchant, & one of the best of women. She married Moses Little, a Physician of the town, educated under Dr. Swett of Newbury Port, & born at Newbury. Seven brothers & three Sisters survive her. Two of the Brothers are in London, four in Boston, & one at Northborough, County of Worcester. The eldest Brother

*Benjamin Goodhue, M. C., presided at the table. The Vice-Presidents were Mess. Derby, Pickman and Prescott.

was American Consul, now a Merchant in London. All the Sons are unmarried but the one at Northborough. The Sisters married Liman & Pratt, merchants of Boston. The youngest unmarried. It was a singular situation to be thrust into the family of Mr. Pickering, when at the last celebration of Mr. Pickering's virtues I was the only regular Minister of the town who was honoured by the neglect of any invitation. A Heavy Squall this afternoon, sudden & not wide in its course. Two sail boats in the harbour were upset but the persons on board were saved. Two other boats it is said were upset in North river.

June 2 [1808]. The debates with some warmth & great length upon the National measures have issued in the will of the federal majority. Is it impossible for a Merchant to submit to a temporary neglect of his mercantile interest for the public good? Is patriotism a name, virtue a pretence, & horror want of principle? Mr. S[tory], our member, had his long speech, this & that & finally voting with after he had weakened his friends. Leading men to a precipice from which they know not how to escape. Give me a firm man who reflects, but decides. Who repents, but forewarns. Who cannot deceive for worlds.

5. Sunday. Note. Moses Little, d. of his wife, D. of the late Eminent Merchant George Williams Esqr. who died several years since. Application was made from Essex Lodge for a Preacher on 24 June. I declined from my frequent services. A Mr. Turner, forming a party for the Universalists, was named. I wished not to give a public introduction to such a man already embarrassed as I was with the prejudices in Church and State. Happily for me the man declined. He is a self taught man & probably has not given himself many lessons. We learn from every quarter that the Clergy begin to open more clearly. The Pulpit drum has been beat the moment victory was proclaimed. No reflection is necessary after so many have been made in all ages & when consent seems to have fully obtained. It is the opinion that the change in Mass. Legislature may not be more freely attributed to the claims of the Embargo than to the measures of the last session respecting the Parish Act. It was proposed & Mr. Martin of Marblehead advocated the proposition to annihilate all Parish lines. Gen. Goodwin of Plimouth thought that this measure gave great advantage to his own party.

6. This day, being Artillery Election, I spent at Nahant. We had an agreeable day. We found in abundance the Animal plants, as they are called, & I was favoured with a most beautiful Fucus, which agrees best with the shag of Linneas. We enjoyed some friends from Roxbury. The Fishing was successful for small & great fish. Upon my return to Salem I found Gen. Varnum, late Speaker of the H. of R. in Congress, & spent the evening with him at Capt. G. C[rowninshield's]. He has great discretion & is

a firm republican. The great goodness he discovered to our departed friend J. C[rowninshield] at Washington, has entitled him to every attention the friends of the family can show him. They appear in no degree disposed to relax from their highest obligations. His wife was with him & received at Capt. G. C.

7. More Gazette notices, of which they are lavish just at the present time. Had another interview with Gen. Varnum in the evening. He spent the day with the family of C[rowninshield] at the farms. A meeting of choice friends passed away the evening agreeably which we lengthened by some encroachment upon the hours of silence. This is the day for the Gov's speech. We are told Mr. Gray was not friendly to the Wheaton Resolutions against the General Government. The opinion of the Richest Merchant in the U. S. is not to be dispised on this occasion.

9. The first Merchant Mr. Gray of this town, has openly vindicated the Embargo in the Senate & has opposed the resolutions offered to the Legislature by Mr. [Laban] Wheaton. This Wheaton once was a Candidate for the Ministry. Of austere temper but of no other qualifications for a leader. Mr. W[illiam] Gray has been the democratic* Candidate for the Senate in the place of John Quincy Adams who resigned his seat & offered his reasons spiritedly to the Legislature. Our members return as no kind of argument is necessary when votes are taken by parties & one holds a determined majority & votes by leaders. The conduct of Mr. Gray has given great alarm to the Alarmists.

10. A Company is clearing the lot at the head of Union street for company buildings. This situation has been a good one encumbered with miserable buildings. Mr. [John] Watson, the proprietor, moves this day to his new house in Northfields. As I have lived 17 years opposite to this spot it becomes a more interesting change, tho' not disagreeable.

12. Sunday. Note. Margaret Bray, d. of her husband B. Bray. In conversation with Revd. Mr. Spaulding of the Branch Church, who has been much to the southward lately for printing his Divine Theory, from whom I would believe anything from his sincerity but nothing from his prejudices, has given me the result of his own observations upon the theological & political associations of opinions. He believes Hopkinsianism strongly associated with Power. These are the Edwardists, who have followed his doctrine of the will as modified by S. Hopkins & since by Emmons of Franklin. Emmons the Chief wrote the Jereboam Sermon, a base invective against Mr. Jefferson. Of this sect, Mr. S. reckons 170 in Massachusetts of which 9 only are Federalists about a 20th part. Mr. S. does not know how to account for their politics but their implicit faith in their leader accounts for it. In Connecti-

*Democratic and Republican were very nearly synonymous at this time.

cut are 100 of that sect all Federalists. He convinced me that his calculations of the facts are nearly the truth. The Presbyterians are different in the Middle States. Of those of the Low Church reckoning 200, not above 10 Federalists. Of the high Church of the Lutherans, &c., 600, not 50 Federalists, Dutch, including 15 Hopkinsians sent in among them. The character of the Hollanders & of the Hanse towns account for the friendship yet maintained towards Republican institutions. As these numbers are given in gross it is a statement from his opinions. Mr. Spaulding thinks the Theological Institution at Andover will do much injury to our Churches, but he has no information on the subject. He designates Dr. Spring of Newbury Port, & Dr. Dwight of Yale College as the leading divines. He says many other things tend to alarm. We learn that Mr. Emerson of the First Church, Boston, has been seized with bleeding from the pulmonic affection which continues to prevail in our country. The case is yet unexplained. Mr. Harris has been with me from Dorchester. No settlement has yet taken place in the new meeting house & everything he declares has been done by his approbation.

13. Day for visiting the Schools but being town meeting day we were delayed. In the northfields the master was indisposed & in the West school the master absent with leave. I was in the Grammar School & East Schools & saw little to praise. In the Grammar school, 26 boys of small attainments. In the East School not a third part had books. The Schools are admirably supported but the many private schools draw away all the children of the best families. At the Town Meeting the proposed Military Building was rejected. The expences were given from 2 to 20 thousand dollars. It is proposed to take the factory in Broad street. The Owner of the building consents. Saw them levelling the ground in Rhust's street below County street for the New Universalist Meeting House. Mr. Rhust tells me they have spoken for it.

14. The instances of Pulmonic Complaints are more than ever known. I have several friends & Parishioners for whom I have a just anxiety. The increase is a serious evil.

16. The Children had the sport of pulling down the Old School house, head of Union Wharf. It was first built 60 years ago by Mr. Collins for a Cooper's shop & then it became a dwelling house in which Mr. W. Brown lived till he built his house, then Mr. Jona. Archer, till he built his house. Then Mr. Watson turned it into a school house & so it has continued above 30 years & many of our best Merchants were taught in it. It was of one upright story, with high steep roof, not large. This evening visited Mr. [Andrew] Peabody, Schoolmaster, Beverly, who married Mary Rantoul of my Society. He has been 10 years in that place as a Writing Master. They have much reduced the hill upon entering Beverly from the Bridge over Bass river.

17. Visited Mr. [John] Watson for the first time since his removal into Northfields. Went to Peter's spring, & through the oak groves of Mr. W. Orne. Went down to Col. Cushing's Brick kiln which is now worked by men who hired it. Passed by Felt's & the new lanes laid out upon his lands. The changes great since my first acquaintance in this part of the Country. Northfields promises to be a very pleasant settlement but at present rather forced.

18. A Cold N. E. rain storm. The glass out of doors below temperate, very chilly, & many crowd in over their fires. Made a fire in our School house & found it comfortable. It seemed really winter. The Embargo has induced many of our Citizens to procure little boats for fishing. The weather has laid an Embargo upon them & I counted twelve of them in shallop cove between the Neck & planter's Marsh. The Wasp sloop of war lays in this Harbour.

19. Sunday. Notes. John Williams & wife for D. Vickery, dangerously sick. Mary Patterson & Brother for Sister Vickery, dangerously sick.

21. The Wasp sloop of war 18 guns, still is at anchor in our harbour. I intended to have visited her but was disappointed. The long spell of cold dark weather has been unusual. In the house for several days. My Therm. could not rise above temperate 55 in the house. No observations I could make speak of the glass so low & it is said Dr. Holyoke who has lived here nearly 60 years recollects no such time. I visited the Fort on Winter Island. The old brick wall is taken down & Barracks are to be erected where the old Block house stood in the northwest corner. I expect nothing from the present arrangements.

22. Our young ladies enter with spirit in preparing the Meeting House for the reception of the Masons on the feast of John Baptist. We could find none of the Nymphæa or Pond lily in bloom. We had liberal contributions from all our gardens.

23. Our young ladies busy in the Meeting House & continue to have liberal contributions from all parts of the Town & promise as gay an exhibition of the kind as ever Salem did afford. Nothing wanting in their diligence.

24. We were prepared for the Celebration of St. John's Day. A very heavy rain fell & continued from Sunrise to Noon & then abated, but it remained showery all the day. We have but few brethren from out of town. The East Meeting House was superbly decorated. A triangle of the richest flowers was formed over the pulpit, & as rich a Square upon the front of the Gallery. In front of the gallery was a rich Italian painting of St. John Baptist, an antique & inobscure, surrounded with as brilliant a circle as our flowers could make. The side of the Galleries were festooned & wreaths of flowers rose above each other around the

house. In the center of the roof was a crown of flowers with a star in the middle. Everything that would admit of ornament came in for its full share & crowds visited the House before & after the ceremonies were performed. As no Brethren invited came, all the services in and out of the Lodge fell to my share. We dined at Concert Hall, which was handsomely decorated on the occasion, & a table spread for 120 persons, but the rain prevented the attendance of more than our own Lodge which supplied 80 guests. After dinner & a few songs, with the performances of the band which attended us through the day & did themselves honour, we returned to the Lodge room in the Centre Buildings & closed & retired without any excentricities to dishonour our generous entertainment.

25. The Young Ladies wished their decorations to remain over the Sunday but the heat had so faded the flowers that they repented of their resolutions & removed all but the upper wreath on the wall. A Mr. [Benjamin] T[appan], son of the late Professor, who removed from the Proprietor's School near the Branch to a New School near the South Meeting, most severely punished a son of Capt. Philips. Medical aid was called. The young master came recommended upon his Father's account. The child has returned & the matter hushed for the present. The Master will probably be removed. This made much stir abroad.

26. Sunday. Notes. Emma Vickery, very sick. Jacob Manning, junr., d. of his Sister Bickford, pr. for Br. at Sea. On June 15 we were informed that a New Brick Baptist Meeting for the Baptists was opened in Newburyport. Mr. Peak, the Incumbent preached. I am informed that something besides Baptism is in this business. Only one person of the Baptist persuasion was able to buy a pew in this house. It probably then will answer for some other purpose hereafter. Dr. Baldwin of Boston, & Bolles of Salem, were invited but they did not attend at the dedication.

27. Several persons in Salem say that they felt a slight shock of an Earthquake at 3 o'clock Sunday morning. We learn since that it was felt in Boston, & that at Portland it was more sensibly felt than at Boston or Salem. This day was warm & sultry & cloathing was uncomfortable. At sundown I walked to the Neck & from point of rocks stopped at Col. Harthornes. It was then black in the north over Beverly as it had been since 3 P. M. He was doubtful whether there would be any rain. The wind S.W. but almost calm & no air felt in town. The clouds did not rise far from the horizon but continued to extend eastward & westward till they met in the south, they then spread upward, & torrents of rain poured down & incessant flashes of lightning which continued from 8 till ten o'clock. We had but one violent thunder clap & just before it, about 9, the hail poured down. All the glass in the upper sash of the northern window of the room in which I was,

was destroyed excepting only one pane. Handsfull of the hail stones were brought in with which the fields were white & they were commonly as big as hazel nuts. The most lightning was in the S. W. & there was the thunder; the storm came from the N. E. Our south western part of the house was not wet altho' the door was open during the whole evening. I have not heard how much glass was broken tho' I find many sufferers. Our gardens were injured. I returned home after ten & then the flashes were sharp but not with a constant blaze of light as before. The darkness was extreme between the flashes & the horse repeatedly stopped. I found every one ready to pronounce the storm remarkable. But I could not refuse to compare this storm with that which I observed when with Dr. Logan in Marblehead farms, 1793, on 7 July.

28. Reports are that the storm was more violent towards Newbury than at Salem. It was not severely felt at Andover, & at Andover they had no hail. Had the pleasure of seeing at Mr. Watson's seat in Northfields, in company with Col. Cushing's family, a daughter of Secretary Avery, who promised her influence to obtain from Mrs. Thayer, d. of Revd. Jackson of Brooklyn, a painting of Revd. Mr. Otis Gray, one of the ministers of New Brick Church, Boston. Revd. Mr. Cary of Newburyport has another painting of the same person both by Badger. This painting belonged to my G. Father & was sold for one dollar to Mr. Jackson at a public auction when the household goods were disposed of by Capt. Adams.

29. The Boston account of the Earthquake Sunday morning, is that it was felt 5 minutes before 3 in the morning & lasted about 4 seconds & then was felt again after a cessation of $\frac{1}{2}$ a minute. In the Gust of last Monday, 5 barns were destroyed in Salisbury, 2 in Newbury & a Dwelling house in Kingston, N. H. A boat ashore on Plumb Island. In Newbury Port, a Distillery unroofed, a barn blown down, a house unroofed & Vessels driven from the wharves. Both Light Houses blown down. The old Meeting House on Grasshopper plain blown down. An orchard in Salisbury of 100 trees, entirely destroyed. I find no damage in this town but by the hail to the windows. In Marblehead, a fisherman lost from his boat. Several lives lost from boats at Newburyport. Several boats have been lost from Cape Ann this season.

July 1 [1808]. An uncommonly warm day. Bar. $29^{\circ}.3$ as low as I ever saw it, & Therm 88° in shade within doors. The sudden gusts have been fatal to several small boats on our coasts. Good old Ashley Bowen, who was in the service against Canada, from Marblehead in 1759, lodged in my hands several papers respecting his enlistment. Among others was the proclamation of Gov. Pownal, 29 March 1759, agreeably to a resolve of the Gen.

Court, to raise 5000 men with wages equal to the land service, to be discharged at Boston with a bounty of 40 shillings with pay tickets from time of entering until discharge & providing for Midshipmen, referring to proclamation of 17 March. A Copy of the Certificate signed by Gov. Pownall & Adm. Durell. Ashley Bowen & his two brothers each had a Vessel in 1758 before they went into the British service. The list of Seamen in his Majesty's ship *Pembroke* & the *Squirrel* includes 32 persons. And which I notice as useful to our families Edw. Arkiss, Robert Bartlet, John Bateman, Samuel Coffrin, W. Cockring, Miles Dalton, Thomas Dove, John Goldsmith, W. Horne, Charles Jacobs, W. Ingals, Edw. Kindaley, Arthur Lloyd, Samuel Locke, Roper Linsted, Sam. Lyndes, John Malzer, W. Mathews, Francis Musselt, Benj. Nichols, Zachariah Paine, Thomas Peach, Frederick Swaeburg, Edw. Saveren, John Stateman, Walter Stover, Garrett Turell, Robert Thompson, Jona. Welsh, Isaac Warren, Thomas Woodkin, Thomas Walpy, from Marblehead. Mr. Bowen says, I enlisted at request of Robert Hooper Esq. under Col. Jacob Fowle, Esqr. for Halifax, to be under Adm. Durell, Rear Adm. of Blue. Mr. Hooper intended to have 5 Midshipmen from Marblehead, but Bowen was alone in that expectation. We had 10 D. from Capt. W. Curtis & a Certificate & sailed from Marblehead 12 April, & reached Halifax on 16th, & were on board our respective Ships on 17 April. Bowen was ordered for the *Pembroke*. There is a view from the *Pembroke* of an attack on Beauport, 31 July. It represents the *Russel* & Three Sisters Transports on shore at High Water. The *Centurion* above point Levis. The *Dublin*, 74 guns, 615 men, Charles Holmes R. Adm. of Blue. The *Neptune* Ad. Saunders Ship, 90 guns, 770 men, below Orleans. Ship *Southland*, Capt. Rouse, formerly of Boston, above the *Dublin*. The *Pembroke*, in which Ashley Bowen was midshipman, & celebrated James Cook, sailing Master off Beauport, John Wheelock Esqr. Capt. with the *Richmond* Frigate, & *Trent* frigate. For the list of the Fleet see *Knox* Vol. I. p. 278. Another view, attested by a notary in 1805, with the extracts "1759 Saturday, May 5, at 7 A. M. The Adm. made a signal to weigh, we weighed & came to sail with Rear Admiral Durell in his M's ship *Princess Amelia* the ship *Pembroke*, *Vanguard*, *Devonshire*, Captain, *Centurion*, *Prince of Orange*, & the *Richmond* & *Squirrel*, Frigates, the *Boscawen* tender & three Transports the whole Fleet consisting of 13 sail." "Saturday Jul 28 at ½ midnight the Enemy sent down upon our fleet a very long Raft of Fire ships, but by the assistance of the Guard Boats they were towed off without the least damage done to the fleet." The draught of this raft was taken at the request of James Cook so much known as a Circumnavigator, so says said Bowen upon oath. An account of this raft may be found *Knox* Vol. 1, p. 350. An East view of the City & Harbour of Halifax

taken 30 April 1759 by Ashley Bowen, with the fleet, accompanied these papers.*

3. Sunday. Notes. Thomas Masury & wife, him sick in Charity House. Field Meetings have been notified in this quarter by Elias Smith, the Free Will Baptist, notorious in this part of our Country. On 4 July at Berwick, then at Newington, then at Hampton falls & afterwards in this County at Chebacco. He has notified that a Brother is to [be] ordained at Hampton falls according to the New Testament.

4. Day of Independance. The day was showery but the showers were gentle. The bells began to ring soon after midnight, & cannon planted in all parts of the town gave the morning salute. The Cadets & Mechanic Light Infantry, & Artillery were under arms, but the Light Infantry were in uniform & rode out of town. The Federalists assembled at the North Meeting and after a prayer from Dr. Barnard had an oration from Mr. Saltonstall in the genuine style of party. The Military Gentlemen under escort at noon passed to the South Meeting House when after a prayer from Mr. Hopkins, their Chaplain, they had a Military *Je ne sais quoi* from Story, the member of Congress. I heard none of these things but honestly kept to my own friends who assembled at Ward's, Southfields, & scoured up such of my friends as had no prior engagements. We made a pleasing Company with Elder Rhust in the chair. Had an elegant dinner from a turtle sent to us, & from such good dishes as Mr. Ward's uncommon talents in this way could provide. We dined in a pavilion opposite the house & had toasts in abundance but not many good ones. The Company was gay, & innocent, & in good season we were all at home again, without oration, procession, music of any kind, or time to converse together. Several cannon announced our toasts & the many spectators were not displeased with the share they had of the bounty. The day closed without accident & the many separte entertainments, which were not less than six, did assist the good order of the day.

5. This day was announced the death of Hon. Fisher Ames who has distinguished himself in the ranks of Opposition to the administration of Mr. Jefferson. He was a senior at College during my first year. He was small in person, firm in his temper, but conciliating in his manners. He was the public orator at the death of Gen. Washington & has written with greater ability than any man of his party in Massachusetts. The last time he was in Salem, officiating as Chaplain to the Court, I walked with him & remember a remark in substance this, that he hoped less than formerly for a consent of opinion from the knowledge of his friends as he found prejudice was powerful upon all minds & all

*A diary kept by Ashley Bowen and containing the several sketches above described, is now in possession of Mr. John Robinson of Salem, Mass.

attainments. I took this as a hint that we might remember our old friendships, politics out of the question, & converse freely when our prejudices were not alarmed, & we had some pleasing recollections. His attainments were in his profession of Law & politics.

6. It being a pleasant day I visited Spring & Bartholomews ponds & found from Mr. Browne that the proper Dog pond is on the northern part of the range of rock beyond Brown's pond, containing one acre when full. From the answers I found the neighbours knew little of the places which were quite indefinitely named. I found many of the field lilies beyond Bartholomy's & about two dozen of the lily in the Lynn branch of Spring pond. I took Coffee at Shilabers with M. Williams & H. Hodges, & then M.W. returned with her mother. I visited the Spring at Spring pond & found other company in pursuit of it. This place begins a little more to be frequented. Mrs. Rhoades Ale was good.

7. Revd. Mr. Bowers with me from Marblehead. He thinks hard of the Demos. for neglect, & the Feds. never failed to neglect on all occasions. This evening I attended the funeral of Trophater's child in Aborn's Lane. The child had a stone in its ear & by the unskilfulness of the Physicians the Child's head was so lacerated that it died.

9. The Republicans at Newbury Port dined together 120 at an elegant dinner. At Gloucester 394 were in procession. In Marblehead they were not behind their neighbours on 4 July.

10. Sunday. Note. Samuel Trophatter & wife, d. of Child Saml., 3 y. old. My friend Bowers of the Ep. Church, was much touched that the Demos. of Marblehead should prefer Rexford, a Methodist & a Schoolmaster, to him, especially when the ceremonies were directed by one of his own Society. But he was mistaken in all the important circumstances. The toasts I gave the Collector were all rejected, or perhaps he did not find it safe to propose to introduce them, & the order of the day fell into different hands who would prefer any thing their own to any thing from others. And yet these Feds. never feel for those of us who are daily witnesses of the insults of their own party & laugh at their folly. Last week in the Gazette I was linked with Tom Paine & Elias Smith, men as far apart as I can pretend to be from them. Mr. Giles of Newbury Port, opened his house to the Demos. of that place & ventured to perform a religious service before their Oration & the Baptist minister so called, Peak was with him. I do not find that the Universalist teacher, Jones of Cape Ann, joined the Democrats. Murray, Richards, Jones & Turner mount on the Democratic ladder but accept the hands of the Feds. to raise them. It is curious to see how the Clergy in their honesty make use of politics.

12. It being very hot with H. C[rowninshield] & S. Babbidge

I went to Philips Beach, so called, to the widow of James P. at the western end of Bartlet's beach. A range on the beach made our amusement & a good dish of Coffee our entertainment. We went by Leggs Hill road & returned by Marblehead road. I had not visited this place for several years, as my acquaintance was more intimate with Wm. than with James. But now all the old men are dead. I saw Martin, at Walter's farm, who married the Widow of the Son, & came into possession of the homestead. All the d[ughters] at James, are married, & two sons remain with the Widow. One building near.

16. The excessive heat of this evening drove me to the forts & the neck. The heat in the town was great.

17. Sunday. Notes. Thomas Masury & wife & children, for her sick. This day was very hot. Just at three a thunder shower came over so that few persons could attend worship through the beating rain. Many delayed the services of their Churches till the rain was over at 4 o'clock. The Th. stood within doors from two till the rain came, at 91 & then after the rain kept at 88.

18. We saw for the first time the Soldiers from the Fort on Winter Island, with a drum & fife in the streets & in Continental Uniform. We have as yet had but one soldier upon the station of Salem. We now have two as the fort is put in a state of defence.

19. We are told the lightning struck near Frye's Mills on Sunday last, without damage to life or property. Several lives were lost in Boston harbour during the Sunday gust. The abuse of Mr. J. Q. Adams by the patrons of Pickering is unparalleled. After praise in all its extravagance he has abuse in all its cruelty. We have now an attempt to raise Cavalry in this town & this day they were upon the parade in exercise. We see nothing yet but the spirit of the young men. The horses are not of the first description. We had the first horse ever raised in America under Capt. Curwin. But the habits of the people are not in favour of real attainments in Horsemanship. No town among so many horses has fewer good ones.

20. The Storm was more violent on Sunday in Boston. The lightning struck in many places & one meeting House with little damage. It has been said a late spring & a plentiful summer.

21. The Ground first broken for the New Buildings intended to be raised on the west side of Union street upon Essex street upon the Brown Lot.

23. Mr. R. Stone favoured me from his Father in law's Garden, the G[arden] of Capt. John Osgood in Brown street, [with] Gooseberries as large as those raised by Mr. Mahon in Philadelphia, measuring $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches round.

24. Sunday. Note. G. Southwick & wife & children, d. of his father. On 14 July, the Africans celebrated in Boston the freedom of their Colour by the laws of some European nations.

Dr. Morse gave them a sermon on the occasion in the African Meeting House. On Thursday, July 21, at Boston, and at the Thursday Lecture, was dedicated the new House of Worship built for the First Church in Boston. Their former situation was too noisy, but the situation fit for business. By a Contract the New Building has been erected & the Old taken in payment. The new House is in Summer street upon the Parish Glebe & the old Manse is taken away. This new House is built with Chimneys & the basement provided for stores & other purposes. Last week was intruded upon me through the post office, with the expences, a Letter signed Veritas, telling me reports were unfavourable & with all the warnings & language of a high wrought Methodist. The writer thinks the letter will do as much good without his name as with it.

25. The fitting out Ships to Havanna to receive property which no person believes exists has created some uneasiness & one of the Vessels of this destination has been stopped for receiving articles of Merchandise instead of ballast. The intercourse with adventurers gives us but a melancholy picture of human nature. Who would live always in some connections!

26. Some dispute seems to have risen about the intense heat of Sunday, 17 July. I never could see my own glass up to 91, but for a moment between 2 & 3 P. M. But abroad it was said to be 100 & 98 by Dr. Holyoke's. But as the Standard Glass of Dr. H. was stolen last season, I have great doubt of the imperfect one which he now exhibits in its place. I am led to conclude that 95 in the sun is high enough for a fair calculation.

28. The Federalists at their dinner of 4 July, divided their guests into 3 classes requiring of one class 6 D., of another 5, & of another $3\frac{1}{2}$ D. It gave an opportunity to laugh at such men as felt small in the last class. The populace called it Nobles, gentry, & commons. Capt. Jonathan Mason who died last night, was son of Jonathan, & educated with Thomas Mason, an eminent merchant of Salem. He early followed the seas & had talents as a Navigator & Merchant. He was active, well informed, firm, useful & much respected. He married Eliz. King as his first wife & Mary King, d. of Benj. for his second. When he established himself at home he was in possession of a great estate, but uncommon ill success in his masters & the events of his voyages, from causes he could not foresee, discouraged him & he built an elegant House in Northfields & retired from his house in Town last year. He had been a Selectman & might have received every honour in the gift of the town had he been disposed for public life. His father was very active at my ordination in Salem & formed for me a full acquaintance with every branch of his family. A younger son was my pupil at Cambridge, who died at Charlestown, S. C.

29. Just before sundown I visited the Charity House to see a man calling himself Johnson, a Swede. He came to America in 1785 & had been a sailor from this port. He was found abroad at Leghorn, & as he had been in the American service he was put by the police of that City on board an American vessel & brought to Salem. It is said on the Voyage he observed an abstinence from food of 17 days using only a little drink. Last January he was committed to the Charity House. He soon began to discover his humour by refusing to be shaved or to shift his clothes. At length an attempt was made to change his cloathes by force but he made such resistance & exclaimed so bitterly, that to prevent injury to others from the vermin he was conducted to a loby in which he has lived & lodged without bed or washing. His feelings however made him take the vermin from his cloathes & to mend them himself. He has now taken his former resolution to live without food, & the Keeper of the House assures me that excepting about a pint of water daily he has lived 31 days, and as appears by Johnson's marks, without any other nourishment. The Overseer says he has no reason to suspect the truth of this fact, from the habits of the man, his situation, the guards upon him, & his voluntary confinement to his cell. By conversation I could get nothing from him of his purpose. He says he has had a religious education, that he prays night & morning, that he is innocent of any ill purpose, appears calm, answers discretely, is inoffensive, & quiets a dull hour with a segar, which he still smoaks without any apparent uneasiness. Some say the derangement has been occasioned by intemperance, but nothing appears in his habits, in his person or manners, to lead to such a suspicion. He referred me to the Crowninshields for his character as he sailed several India voyages in their employ. He fixes no time when his fast shall end. Says he feels no pain. Sat down twice while I was with him, grows feeble, but wears a beard of six inches. He may continue a fast as long as that of St. Antony. I used every argument I could think of, & with all the variety of passionate expressions but I saw no difference of emotion, unless when expression grew warm he seemed to be less willing to attend to me & sat down. When I was milder he rose again. But constantly thanked me for everything said, with a mild tone & with great civility which his keeper tells me he has never violated. His only plea is I want no food, I am healthy & happy without it, why should I use it. I asked him whether he did not see the loss of life would come from his conduct. He replied he hoped not. He thought no such thing, he wished no such thing. But I thought I could secretly discover something in this expression upon the value of life. How can I get lower. It may be depression, but then nothing but vice could have occasioned it as he could have had full employment & he might have left the House when he pleased.

31. Sunday. Notes. Mary Mason & family, d of her husband Jonathan Mason, æt. 51. Richard Manning & wife, d. of his Brother Thomas M[anning], æt. 59, killed by a fall from a House in Vine street upon which he was at work. Col. Harthorne informs me that Capt. Jonathan Mason may justly be considered as the Founder of the Northfield School. For tho' the Town defrayed the principal expence, yet he repeatedly subscribed largely for enlarging the grounds, getting the bell, & obtaining all the necessary aids, & was himself very busy in gaining the consent of the Town for the establishment. The Col. pays him the highest respect in Town affairs, & as an impartial referee upon private affairs & that his judgment was often appealed to upon difficult subjects & much valued. He was certainly one of our best Accountants.

August 1 [1808]. Went with a d[daughter] of Jona. Archer to visit Capt. Ramsdell at Graves end Lynn, near the Flax pond, by invitation. We found a good boat & amused ourselves in fishing. We took perch, shiners & breama, & then landed on the north side of the pond & travelled one quarter of a mile to a meadow abounding in pond lillies. I then travelled so far on the road to Spring pond as to touch my old path when I visited that pond & had a full view of it & returned. This road is west of the meadow & leads directly to Cottle's Grove on the Hill west of Spring pond. It might easily be rendered very pleasant & it saves much of the travel not exceding one mile in the whole distance & not being so much from the north side of the pond at which we landed, as the road from the street winds into it. Long Hill is west of it & the road passes to Spring pond at the foot of it. We found good ale & berries at Rhoades, Oliver's farm, upon our return.

3. The man I visited on Friday last, on 32 day desisted from his fast & consented to take a little wine & water & light food & returns to his food with all the caution belonging to a Dietetic. I have made every enquiry & cannot find a circumstance of suspicion respecting his taking food. He ceased connections with all in the Charity House, was locked every night, kept in his cell & had no place of concealment & no discharges but of urine from the water he drank.

8. The Gazette of this town, which is conducted by a timid & dependant man* who is on the skirts of a party, has attacked our chief Merchant Wm. Gray. This is a violence of party which we did not expect as Mr. Gray has been elected into public offices by that party & has favoured them as much as was in his power. But like Mr. J. Q. Adams he is under the political anathema as he cannot go all lengths.

9. We have now a troop of Horse forming in Salem, under

*Thomas C. Cushing.

Capt. John Fairfield. About 36 horsemen have engaged & their complement will be 48. This is the first troop of horse which has been proposed since I have been in Essex, in this part of the County. As we gave the first troop we should hope not to injure our antient reputation. I have not a distinct history of Cavalry in this part of the County but consider it as an enquiry worthy of curiosity. The Horse are exercising continually upon our parade & in our vicinity.

10. Capt. S[amuel] Robinson came from Milton to Salem about the time of the Peace & took the Sun tavern & kept it with great reputation. Being in affluence by an inheritance he retired several years ago and lived at his ease. He was inactive, but a very dry man, as [is] the language of the day for a shrewd man. He left children. His d[aughter] is the Widow of the worthy E. Patten Esq. Went on the water in a boat belonging to Mr. Joseph Webb with Capt. W. Fairfield & Company. We took fish at Coney Island & then visited the Misery. We found young Franks & his two Companions in the Cabin upon the cove on the western side of the island near the little Misery, and two Sloops in the Cove attempting to raise a stone pier which was to be sunk upon Bowditch's ledge. They had broken one large spar in the attempt. After our walk upon the Island we returned & in 44 minutes from hoisting sail we were at Crowninshield's wharf. We had a pleasant time. We saw as we passed a Boat launched from the Crowninshield's wharf. Since the embargo almost every person fond of sailing has purchased a sail boat & a great variety of experiments have been made upon the form of the boat & the manner of rigging, & these experiments have discovered great ingenuity with various success. When I first came to Salem only two Sail Boats had any claim to the name when their construction was considered in regard to amusement. We may now say dozens are formed for this purpose, but we are indebted to the Embargo for the increase. The Crowninshields, Derby's, Gardners, &c. & most of our enterprising Masters of Vessels have something of this kind they call their own & most of our Ship & boat builders & several of our townsmen who live at their ease. We saw many upon the water as we passed among the Islands & in the Offing.

11. The friends of Mr. Gray had demanded of the printer of the Gazette who was the Author of the paper signed Cuesta & after severe threatening he gave up young Stephen Higginson of Boston. This is one of the most active tools of the Junto. Application was made to Mr. Higginson who confessed he had his information from Salem. This day the principal agents of the party were busy. Some attempts to vindicate it as they dared. Some considering it as imprudent, but not of consequence, & others fearing to be charged with it. The public mind is much agitated & the

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WILLIAM GRAY, 1750-1825.

**Salem Merchant and Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts. From copy
after Stuart, now in the Peabody Museum, Salem.**

event if not serious in public resentments, will leave a deep impression on the public mind. The party have never committed so great an indiscretion & to their cause a greater injury since I have known them. The Salem party had not courage for such crimes.

12. Mr. William Gray has appeared in the Gazette of this day in a Letter to the Printer dated Aug. 11. In this Letter he declares that he is compelled to declare facts. He thought he had a right to his own Opinions, that he owned no submission to France, that when the Embargo Law passed he thought it a constitutional measure & did not think it proper to oppose it. He says he thought it prudent & necessary. He then offers his reasons from the Embarrassments of Commerce & declares that instead of growing rich he is ready to demonstrate his situation & that his estate had declined more than ten per cent since the Embargo. When our Merchants are obliged to come out & vindicate themselves against such aspersions, party must have suffered the lowest degradation.

13. The Opposition are busy in promoting measures against the Embargo. These measures as usual originate in Boston. After passing resolves in Boston, they have promoted them in Newbury Port & have written by their Selectmen to the Selectmen of Salem who have sent them an answer. Boston now originates all mischief. The Letter from Boston & the answer of Salem are printed in this day's Register with the remarks on Mr. Gray & his answer. From the C[entinel] the History of the Boston Town Meeting is before the public. The nature of the request to the President is to suspend in whole or in part the Embargo. About 800 are said to have been present when the question was taken.

14. Sunday. We find the Universalists or rather Rellyites, have so far succeeded in Salem as to prepare for the building of a Meeting House. There Mr. Turner conducts with great art. The present preacher Mr. Balleau, tells them if they cannot get Mr. Turner they may be sure of himself. They are to lay their Corner Stone this week as public report says.

15. Catechised the Children of the Society over which I am Minister. I had omitted it for many years. Only 60 were present, a smaller number than had ever yet appeared. Only the Male Children were invited at 11 a. m. this day, & to each was given a copy of the 6th edition of my extracts from Priestley's Catechism.

16. Catechised the females. Above 100 were present & behaved well. To them I distributed the Catechisms as before & promised to prepare some little book as their future reward. We learn that in addition to Newbury Port, Beverly, Wenham, &c. have passed petitions to remove the Embargo. T. Pickering, in his little town of Wenham, harangued in the Town Meeting &

gained thirteen for & lost eight against the measure. In Marblehead they replied to the Selectmen of Boston in a proper manner objecting to the measure & declaring their confidence in the Government of the United States. In Newbury Port the friends of the Government did not appear to make resistance. In the Herald of that place is a base insinuation that Mr. Gray ground the face of the poor. Such mean artifices are employed by a dangerous faction.

17. This day it was in turn that I preached in the Charity House. The people were silent, attentive, & decent in all their deportment.

19. Mr. Pickering, who prosecuted Mr. Carlton the former Editor of the Register, has come out in foaming fury because he is charged with malconduct in the secret expedition intended against the British in 1780. He confesses all the facts, but he says he was not to blame, but a dead Col. Baldwin was blameworthy. All his witnesses referred to are dead. He calls the Register "a Sewer of Lies & Scandals." His tame defence is before the public. It is expected that the person signing, one of the Expedition, who exposes the conduct of Pickering will take notice of his pretious* confessions & miserable defence, as he has a good opportunity.

21. Sunday. Note. Edw. Allen & wife & Brothers & Sisters, d. of his mother in law. She was a Lochart of N. Carolina & had been in Salem 30 years. For a long time we have been told of the Theological Institution intended to be established & of the liberal subscriptions. Among the subscribers is Mr. John Norris, Merchant of Salem, in considerable amount. Probably a list of the Subscribers & the amount of the Donations will be published from Andover, the place of the establishment. The plan is now prepared for execution. Last Wednesday, Aug. 17, the corner stone of a Universalist Meeting House was laid in Salem. A Mr. [Edward] Turner of Sturbridge, is the Candidate but he does not much appear in the public measures. A Mr. [Hosea] Balleau, a person of whom I have not yet gained the history, officiated & a Mr. Beckford, Constable of the Town, read the plate which was put under the stone. A large number of persons were collected in the morning, but from none of them have I obtained a particular account of the work. The exercises were prayers, singing, & putting a small plate under the stone, the inscription on which it was Mr. Beckford's business to read. I have not seen a list of the subscribers for this house nor have I the names of the friends to it. They calculate much upon their success. I know none of them that have a system but the preachers are Rellyites & inculcate Calvinism run mad. God could not help saving all & yet he could not save without an infinite satisfaction. Should a man

*An obsolete spelling of precious.

of ingenuity fall in among them he might do good, but the prospect is not so happy as we could wish from the present circumstances.

22. I spent this day at Nahant. Much Company came upon the great head. For the first time I saw a Custom House boat at Nahant. The officer said he was obliged to keep a very good lookout. Our fishing was successful & we were agreeably entertained.

23. Was this afternoon with S. Silsbee's family upon their Lot in Northfield. We observed what an uncommon year for grass. Mr. Watson in front of his house has, according to a late recommendation, planted his August turneps. He has provided every convenience for his making of manure for his pigs, fowls &c. Such things are but beginning among us. It is rare in this quarter to see a Farmer by system or experiment & not by imitation & habit. The new roads & improved cultivation has made a great change in Northfield & had Capt. Jonathan Mason lived he would have accelerated their progress. He introduced a barber's shop & a newspaper for general use, a school & a bell, a burying ground, a disposition for new roads. The Mansions of Capt. J. Mason in paradise, the Italian Villa of Col. [Thomas] Cushing, & the farm house with its wings & out buildings of Mr. Watson have added much to Northfields. Formerly only Orne's farm, &c. not on a well chosen spot & now going to decay & now the property of Mr. Foster of Marblehead, was the only house in which taste was displayed. Now several square three story houses are built & many are in good repair & the northfields are rising in competition with any part of the town. Only one road was passable & that led to Waters Bridge upon Duck river, to New Mills in Danvers. Now the cross road to Horse pasture point is comfortable & good as far as Orne's point. The old path from the corner going to the bridle roads of Danvers is now open & good to Frye's Mills & the lower road upon North river by Capt. Mason's is in very good order. The opposite roads leading eastward upon North river are laid out & opened at both ends & the road opened by Mr. Walter leading from the cross road & parallel to the Old road to Danvers is open, wide & in good order. All these changes have been made within a very few years. A Bridge is talked of from Orne's point to Ellingwoods head in Beverly.

25. This day attended the funeral of Lydia, æt. 68, the wife of Mr. Henry Rhust. His son married a Cousin of mine & I was very hospitably received at his house before I made a settlement in Salem & while I was preaching in Beverly. She had been a good Housewife & has left numerous posterity.

27. Mr. Gray our Eminent merchant, has again appeared in this day's Gazette. Mr. G. had said that of eight vessels which sailed in December last, a month before the Embargo, not one

reached her destined port in safety. This was denied. Mr. G. supports his assertions from the Custom House & adds that the Ship Augustus, not in his list, was taken by the French, under bonds, 2000 dollars paid for these bonds, detained, &c. He asks, Is this arriving in safety? Upon the Embargo, 800 votes in Gloucester, only 170 appeared. Five republicans who own $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Shipping were put upon the Committee & did not appear. All is Boston influence. Pickering's name is sounded from his great offices, but where he is known he is not of the best weight. At Ipswich, about 50 assembled out of 400 free holders, under a known tool of a party. The representation of facts has been made to the President. Worcester, Charlestown & Saco have refused to petition. Salem has called no meeting. Andover called a meeting & wrote as Salem did to the Boston Selectmen, refusing to concur in the measure. Marblehead remains firmly against the petition of Boston.

28. Sunday. Note. John Williams & wife, d. of his g. child Vickery & for two children of the same family sick. The Free Willers of the Christian Tabernacle in English Street, dipped two women at the Neck gate last week & this day, Plummer, who was insulted on Boston Common, ventured to preach night & morning on the Common near the Workhouse. I have not heard with what success.

29. Was the Annual Exhibition of the Schools. As this was my third year I was pleased with the increase. In the two preceding years the numbers were given at 228. In 1806, the numbers were 238, & in 1807, 290, an increase of 52. We have added Northfield school to the list & had 350, an increase of 60. Mr. Dodge of the Northfield School, tho' at his first appearance with his new school, threw all the other schools far in the back ground. The neglect of Mr. Emerson* of the South Meeting in the last year induced a neglect of him in the present year which his friend Major Saunders of the Committee took care to resent. He is a man of public education but not of a liberal mind or of talents. Mr. Bowles of the Baptist Brick Church, addressed & prayed with the Children.

31. Being the Commencement at Cambridge, I left Salem & leaving the Salem turnpike in Lynn passed over Malden Bridge. I reached Cambridge before the procession formed, spent some time with Judge Winthrop in his new Library room formed with alcoves & saw several valuable additions he had made of plates respecting Herculaneum, Egypt, & the East. We had an elegant dinner & in the evening I returned to Boston. I had visited Mr. Hilliard's Book store & reserved for myself a Cornish Grammar, a Dryden, & several other works. In Boston, I found that several Ministers of New York were upon a visit to that Town &

*See Bentley's Diary. Aug. 24, 1807.

I heard in the evening at the Baptist Church, Dr. Kellock. I lodged at my Father's.

September 1 [1808]. I waited upon Dr. Eliot who received me with very great politeness & gave me much information of the town affairs. He waited upon me to the deposit of the Theological Library near State Street, but which was then actually ready for removal to a room assigned under the new Brick building for the First Church lately erected in Summer Street. The principal riches of this library at present is the deposit of the Chapel library which is not to be loaned but read in the library room. Dr. Eliot favoured me with a catalogue. The Chapel library contains the Waltern Polygota, many of the fathers, & favorite works of the English Church. From this I passed to the Athenaeum in Court street. This is the Commencement of a very valuable Collection. It contains the splendid folio edition of Hume & many works of the first price & excellence. Mr. [William Smith] Shaw, who keeps this collection, has a valuable private library in which I saw some choice Books. I called on James White at his book store & found it full, but [his] books are of high price. At Wells Book store, which is well served with good books as he is a man of taste & education, he said his last importation all sold, would not pay him 10 pr. Cent for his trouble. At the Thursday lecture I heard Dr. Mason of New York, preach in the Calvinistic style. This house is furnished with great neatness & taste. The ornaments are simple with good effect. The arched roof is circular. The Galleries high but the ceiling under them horizontal. The pulpit admits several persons. The Isles open before the pulpit & only the caps of the pews are painted. Apartments for Schools, Libraries, &c. are under this Church & this construction is altogether new among us. After dinner with my father I returned to Salem.

3. Mr. Orne with me with Letters from Mr. Gerry, a gr. Son of Col. Azor Orne, for a Commission in the Army, asking letters for Mr. Dearborne, Sec. at War, Mr. B. C[rowninshield], &c. Gave them. The Opposition boast that they have a majority in the Legislatures of the four New England states & have profited much by the Embargo. I received a curious notification from J. Quincy, Treasurer of the Historical Society. Twelve years ago I delivered him my account of Salem, & such was the strength of party that in the next number a Libel was printed upon it, which I answered in the Salem Register, & part of which without my knowledge, even to this day, was printed by the Society in the succeeding number. I never appeared afterwards. Since that time from political motives. Sullivan was thrust from the chair & Gore promoted. I received a letter for dues from Quincy which I did not notice. I have now a bill for 12 years due & a vote of the Society that all delinquent members after three months shall be sued. So much for the Historical Society.

4. Sunday. Notes. Eunice Vickery, d. of two of her children. Both buried together. Mary Patterson, d. of her Child. This Mother, Sister of Mrs. Vickery. John Williams & wife, d. of his two Gr. Ch. of Vickery & one of Patterson. In the discourse of this day I made a statement of the Communicants. From this it appears that when the first minister died the number of Communicants was about 36, & nearly the same number upon the death of the second. That upon the death of the third they amounted to about 70, & now stand at about 60. It is observed that the same declension is found in all our Congregational churches. The old South Church fifty years ago had 120 male members, which now has but 20, & all the Congregational Churches in Boston have not so many male members as one Church half a Century ago did contain. In forming the east Church, 10 male members were concerned. In the time of the first minister 4 were added, in the second, 8, & in the third, 30, & in the fourth, 6. To that the whole number from the beginning is 58 for 90 years. All the females amount to 259, about four to one of the males. In Boston I had the pleasure of seeing the Theological Library. The first subscribers are 24 in number, chiefly the Ministers of the Boston Association. A Catalogue is printed. This promises to be a valuable collection if pursued with the spirit with which it has begun. The price of a Share is 35 Dollars, & an assessment of 5 D. a share to be paid in advance annually.

5. Attended at the Visitation of the Women Schools kept for poor Children to prepare them by reading for the higher Schools. We first visited below Andover street in S. W. quarter. We found 20 Children. The full number said to be forty. Little done. We then visited the S. part & found a school of 40, full number above 50. Children read low, but some thing to commend. Then passed to the bank of S. river to the African school, found 36, full 60. We were pleased to find anything done for this race. We passed then to the Centre School in Church street & found 30, full 50. Something done but hurried into reading. In the Eastern School, the best 36, full 60. Some good readers & all good of its kind. In several schools found free books & thought more necessary. All the children we saw were clean in their persons & dress & very orderly. The whole number present before us was 182. Number who are instructed as by the report of the Schoolmistresses, 260. Probably 200 profit by the Schools.

6. This day I was at Spring pond & a heavy thunder shower came on at sundown. We found the wild grapes ripening.

7. This day was the Annual Sermon of the Female Charitable Society of Salem. Mr. Spaulding of the Branch preached, but he was persuaded to preach in the North Meeting House, to display their organ as he said, to have the benefit of their bell. His Ser-

mon was kindly received & 143 dollars were collected. The Society in the past year have been assisted by a subscription to promote their charity in purchasing a house to render their charity better accomodated. Mr. Hopkins was put forward in some of the services with not great pleasure to the audience, especially as it was supposed that his services were intruded, the audience feeling that Mr. S. had made great sacrifices in quitting his own house, & that H. had never discovered a friendly temper towards him.

10. Such has been the industry in New England to misrepresent the object & nature of the Embargo that all the four New E. states have in their respective Legislatures a majority against the measures of the General Government. How far the disaffection will spread in the Southern States cannot be conjectured, but such are the exertions & such the success with a people impatient of everything which confronts their ruling passion, the love of gain, that the sons of ambition & the English Agents have every hope of accomplishing their design. "The Statesman," established in Newbury Port by Mr. Gleason, promises some support provided that he be secure from indiscretions. We have had two arrivals from India, one from Calcutta & another from Moka, but we receive no valuable information. In Salem, we have hitherto preserved a consistency in our measures & Mr. Gray has been a great help to us.

11. Sunday. Notes. John Webb for him sick. Son past 70 years. Richard Crowninshield & wife, sudd. d. of youngest child. George Turner & wife, d. of their Brother in Law Benj. Smith, æt. 28, at Philadelphia. G. Son of late Thomas Dimond. Hannah Turner & her Brother, d. of her Brother & pr. for husband at sea. Thomas Masury & children, d. of his wife. Sarah Briggs for her Child dang. sick & pr. for husband absent. The poor man Plummer who lately exhibited on our Common on Sunday, was refused at Newburyport the liberty of field preaching. He was not exposed to the riotous insults of the populace as at Boston. We fear for the consequences of his return among us.

13. Mr. Joseph Ropes has published a vindication of himself. The Feds. with ill-digested stories have been led by the name. The Ropes who was betrayed into a violation of the Embargo law is another man & did not sign the Selectmen's answer to the town of Boston. It was said 500 families in this town had been suffering, when not one person has become a pauper by the operation of the Embargo till the present hour, as the list from the Charity House & the Parish lists will show. In Reading, tho' a town called federal, in a meeting called by the Federalists a majority was against an opinion to petition to the President to remove the Embargo. Gov. Langdon of N. H. has been challenged for writing ag. the Embargo. He denies under his seal that he has ever disapproved the Embargo in any way whatever. Mr. Gerry also has been

charged with disapproving the Embargo but he has remonstrated against the Cambridge petition & in the remonstrance from his pen condemned the petitions against the Embargo. Such are unequivocal specimens of the management of our times which must degrade the American character & create a sure aversion from the vile measures of the Opposition.

14. The district Court in town & the trials for violation of the Embargo laws excite considerable interest. The most prominent article is not ability but the effrontery at the Bar with which the Constitutionality of the Law is challenged.

15. Col. Harthorne has given leave for a small building which is erected not far from his northern bounds in Cat Cove at the point of land. It is intended for the distillery of spirits of turpentine, &c. as its first object. With Mr. Watson at his seat in Northfields. He shew me the largest collection of Massachusetts Colony publications which I had ever seen in a private collection. They had been forming in Elder Brown's family, Master Swinerton, Capt. Pickering & the Branches of that family, and on his own side in that of Capt. John White & the Watsons. I have the promise of some of them but my selection was more modest than faithful. I feared to be too craving.

16. Gen. Dearborn, Sec. of War, in town & Major Swift, who has in charge our fortifications. I was in company with Col. Harthorne at the fort with them. The General has a good person & great firmness. The Major is modest & well informed.

17. This day Gen. Dearborn with me. B. C [rowninshield] sent to the President 30 specimens of his method of preserving plants, & to him, the P., were inclosed the specimens of penmanship from his sister H. C. I sent also a copy of some printed Sermons. The State of Commerce has multiplied the little boats formed for amusement in our harbours, & upon every sudden gust some alarm is given. Two young men were drowned in Marblehead harbour by the sudden gust of this day. They belonged to Marblehead. An old man who was with them was saved. A false report of the d[eath] of Mrs. Williams brought all her friends from Lynn & Boston. When I visited her I found all her friends in deep mourning around her. Such reports are too careless spread. 5 chaises came to town.

18. Sunday. Notes. W: Frye & wife, d. of youngest child, pr. for a son sick & a son absent. Mehitable Byrne, sick, p. for husband & brother absent. Joseph Newhall, d. of his Mother Crookshanks, æt. 64. Lydia Newhall, d. of g. mother Crookshanks, a child in her charge. Isaac Oakman & wife, d. of their Sisters Dimond, æt. 69, & Masury, pr. for son of dec. absent. Samuel Caban & wife, d. of their Child. Hannah Caban, d. of her g. child. Rebecca King, for her son sick, pr. for a son & husband absent. The noted Osgood of Medford, at Dr. Bernard's this day.

In his prayer he employed the most bitter invectives against our administration & probably was employed for that purpose. Such is their mode of religion.

20. We had great changes in the weather. Sunday was hot & so was Monday, tho' relieved with small showers. This morning we had several thunder showers, the glass having been 50 hours within doors above summer heat. At noon the wind shifted into the N. E. & we had a cold September storm so that the glass fell 20 degrees. Last evening the lightning burnt a barn in Gloucester. The Court here, debating on the Constitutionality of the Embargo law, is a burlesque upon the idea of Government. All our Citizens crowd on the occasion.

21. This morning the weather was cold from the uncommon change above summer heat to below temperate. The Artillery & Infantry with the Targets went this day upon Winter Island, but from the wind or some other cause nothing was done to discover expert firing. I could not but reflect that not a man was upon the ground who even knew what the art of Gunnery was & not a person acquainted with the branches of Mathematics connected with it. Our Col. of the Regiment is an illiterate Barber, & no pains are taken to get information. To construct the carriages I was called upon for Muller on Artillery & Fortification & was surprised to find not a person of the least information. Had I not been in favourable circumstances for information I should judge some prejudices had deceived me. But as I wish well to the Militia & know not where to find better men than we have, I regret the want of just military ambition.

22. The weather was so cold that I consented for the first time on this day to have my first fire in the Study for the season, just one month earlier than in the last year & the year preceeding. But the change was so great from above summer heat down to frosts & even ice abroad that the temptation was irresistible. The District Court still in town hearing debates upon the Constitutionality of the embargo, but the people see the design. The debates are addressed to the people & this is another artifice to complete the work of destroying the present administration of our Government. Upon Dexter lays the principal part of this labour. No ridicule is spared, no insult. The Republicans had a meeting last evening to choose members to meet in County meeting.

24. We hear of uncommon sickness in the United States. Plentiful fishing at North Bridge for Shad, not much larger than the Alewives or common herring of our shore. The Smelts are come. We have had uncommon apprehensions as from the detention of our seamen. At home the number of their little boats for amusement have strangely multiplied. Indeed every little boat is rigged with sails in some fashion & offer for a new experiment. Yesterday I saw a boat upset in Shallop cove with two young men

who found bottom & landed upon the entrance to the Neck. The Seamen who are well qualified to navigate large vessels are found very inexpert in managing small craft & yet are often presumptuous from an ignorance of the principles on which dories with sails move.

25. Sunday. Notes. Jacob Hayes, d. of his wife, pr. for d. Price sick & son absent. Wid. Mary Preston, d. of her Sister Ropes, æt. 70, a Lambert, g. s. at sea pr. Wid. Alice Ropes, d. of her mother in law Ropes, wife of Daniel Ropes. Samuel Leach & wife, d. of one of their Children. Mary Proctor & Child, d. of her youngest Child, pr. for husband absent. The Andover Theological Institution is to open in due form on Wednesday next as we learn from the public advertisements. Opinions among zealots are very different about this Institution. All the friends of Cambridge are jealous of it, that it must eventually prove a specimen of devout resentment in the late Pr. Pearson, because he was not promoted to the Chair of Cambridge. This religious Ambition never was afraid to employ the worst passions.

27. The day appointed for the first appearance of the Salem Cavalry in their uniform. Their standard was delivered by a d[aughter] of Capt. [John] Fairfield who commands this troop. I could not approach near enough to hear what was said or to see what was done on the occasion. The Cadets were out & a company of volunteers under age, which is the fourth company of this kind that has appeared in uniform in compliance with the spirit of the times. This was the first time also of the appearance of this company of young men. I could not so nicely observe them as to get the uniforms of the troops or the new infantry. Nothing happened to interrupt the pleasures of the day. The officers of the Boston Cavalry were present in their uniforms.

28. Day appointed to open the Theological Institution at Andover. I have not heard the subject mentioned this day so that it is to be presumed no general interest is taken in this transaction. We are told that the number admitted at Cambridge this year is comparatively small. A late disturbance at Gloucester. Capt. Doane in the U. S. service was recruiting. Some of the opposition claimed a man who had signed the papers but had not taken the bounty, under the pretence that the man was drunk. An affray happened & the Capt. struck the man who came to his lodgings. A complaint was entered with the Civil officer & the Capt. is bound for his appearance. No art untried to create discontents & disturbances.

29. This day I saw for the first time specimens of Cotton & Wool Cloths made at the Sierra Leone Colony on Coast of Africa. It was fine, soft & even. The pieces were 7 1-4 inches wide & 6 of them sewed together with a coloured strip at both ends, the whole pieces being several yards in length. Mr. Richardson who



PHILLIPS ACADEMY, ANDOVER.

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Phillips Hall, built in 1808, is shown at the left.

has lately arrived from Africa, says they can raise Coffee of the first quality & even superiour as he thinks & says to Arabian Coffee. Mr. R. presented me with a Bow & quiver full of arrows, shewed me a Fetiche which they use in their religious ceremonies, a powder horn of the Mountain Cow as he called it, the wrinkled horn of the Buck, & such other things as he had brought to America. He had received the opinion that Damberger had not been the Traveler mentioned in his travels, but was told that to pass through Africa was practicable.

October 1 [1808]. In several places the Lawyers have stopped the Courts from the supposed irregular choice of Jury men, under the new law attributed to Lieut. Gov. Levi Lincoln. The truth is the G[entlemen] of the Law are determined to put in force their judiciary Bill which puts the court more in the power of the Judges. Thus in the General Government & in the States every attempt to maintain a Legislature independant of the Judiciary is frustrated.

2. Sunday. Notes. Daniel Sage & wife, d. of their youngest child. Martha Silsbee, d. of her g. child Sage. Samuel Briggs & wife, d. of their only Child. We begin to have musical public performances as we begin to have Musical Teachers who live by this employment. We are promised by the Zion Harmony Society an Oratorio at Amherst, N. H. Another is proposed by Mr. Holyoke at Newbury Port & another in Salem. They are favourable to the public taste.

4. The Danvers Artillery discharged their Cannon on Washington Square this afternoon. Their Uniform is red, that of Salem Artillery blue. The Judge Davies of our District Court, has pronounced upon the Constitutionality of the Embargo.* It is a question whether this question ought, amidst the alarms of party, to be treated with ridicule in a Court of Justice.

5. A writer, in answer to some calumnies vented in the Gazette of Salem, tells the editor that the trick was worthy of a man who could say The devil take the United States. The abuse heaped upon our Government has emboldened the most weak in their vulgar reproaches. A vessel was stopped on Sunday evening attempting to leave the harbour with a load of flour. The Female Asylum have a house in Carpenter street & 9 children under their care. They had a meeting in it this day. They have not quite paid for it but borrow 400 dollars from the Widow's fund & pay interest.

6. The Regiment out under the detached command of their respective Captains in Companies. The Uniformed Companies have much assisted the appearance of the Militia. One Company I saw at a distance appeared like a Uniform Company as some had put on blue outer cloathing & dark. The subordination was com-

*Ruling that the law was constitutional.

plete & we had some of our best young men from our best families in the ranks.

8. Col. Cushing* a son of the late Lieut Gov. Cushing, having married into the family of Orne had lately lived at Orne's point in North fields & has removed into town lately. The great embarrassments of his affairs have preyed upon his spirits & this morning in a delirium he rushed into the street almost naked & was taken by force into a house in Boston street. With great difficulty he was confined. He was detained a short time, but refused all cloathing, yet said nothing. After he was in some degrees exhausted he was carried to his own home but did not for the day discover any signs of returning reason. An agreeable man.

9. Sunday. Notes. James Browne & wife, her delivery, pr. for a brother absent. In this town has appeared a Mr. Alexander, Gunsmith. He tells fine stories of himself as a preacher in London. He has preached repeatedly in Green lane, but as I was informed by a man who said he had it from his own lips, that he did not know his Company & that he read his notes & refused to preach without pay or at any expence of his reputation. He was last week employed to pray at a funeral. It was said he was to preach for the first Baptist Society but it has not taken place. Elias Smith was here last week, distributing his books & pamphlets, & preached a lecture last week without sparing any of the hirelings as he calls them. C. Turner also is in town & began his new course of preaching in Washington Hall. As soon as the walls of the Universal Meeting House are finished they will open worship in that Building. The Methodists hanker for a slice of Salem, but have not yet been able to crowd in & get it. It was remarked by a person of great religious reputation, that the disorders had not, as in Newbury Port, entered into the higher class of citizens or the antient families. They have come in with the great influx of strangers most of whom had been nursed in such manners.

10. Last Saturday as the Mr. Perkins were levelling the dirt at the pier for Mr. West on South field side of the Harbour, they touched the bones of an Indian. He was buried with three stone chisels. The bone of the Skull & the chisels are preserved. We find the Indian at all our points of land. Upon the parade several persons were injured in the sham fighting by the discharge of buck shot in some of the cartridges. No essential [injury] was sustained but great hazard appeared.

12. Was our Regimental Review. With a Horse well mounted, an artillery well disciplined, & with several infantry companies well uniformed, & an able Militia we might do wonders but we have not one experienced military officer in the whole corps. B. Gen. Derby has no military talents. The Col. Archer is just from

*Col. Thomas Cushing, formerly of Newton.

a humble employment without the least recommendation but having suited the turn of a party. The Major of Horse is a sea captain supported by the state of parties. The subordinate officers under such men can exhibit nothing. Thus party sacrifices genius, and with better troops than are in the state we make a sham appearance. It must be allowed the Col. staid longer in Commission than any other.

13. Unequivocal proof that the Indian found in Southfields was in a sitting posture as the head was above a foot higher than the body when found in the earth & the 3 chisels & whet stone were at the head of the thigh bones. The bones of an animal were found with him, whether a fox or dog not determined by the workman I consulted. The Skull had all the teeth, but the skull soon fell to pieces in the open air & was not preserved.

15. In no places has the Embargo been violated less than in Salem & Marblehead. In Marblehead not a case has yet occurred which had admitted a suspicion. A few instances in Salem of small attempts have been detected but in such circumstances as hardly to form a just exception to the general character of the town. The Republicans had a Convention at Ipswich this month & above 70 persons were present. The Opposition have also had one at Topsfield. The results of both have been published. Mr. Pickering, tho' not a member, was at Topsfield on the occasion & very busy. Mr. W. Gray has assured the friends of the Government that he certainly shall support their candidate. This good man has no peace. But as he is firm the attacks he receives give him no vexation. One of our Rev. Doctors has been an assailant. If he reasoned, it is the first time. Mr. G. asked one of the rich merchants of the town how he could sign the proceedings at Topsfield when he knew they contained falsehoods.

16. Some attempts are made, but not with distinguished success, to promote exhibitions of Church music. They have so often disappointed the public expectations that it is difficult to excite the public attention. The performers have such imperfect knowledge of each others talents & the exhibitions are so often dictated by the poverty of the principal performer, that nothing can be done in justice to the talents men possess. A late meeting of the Zion Harmony society has been at Amherst, & Mr. Holyoke has proposed something of the kind in Salem & Newbury port to assist his finances.

19. Mr. Jenkins with me about his practice of Penmanship. I signed a recommendation. This man hit upon some expedients which in substance have been printed by Dean & many years ago published his first part which fell into obscurity. Dean has made his work profitable. The plan amounts to this, shall we use simple strokes first or combine them for use at once. The combination being from fancy & the ease of the stroke being its beauty,

an early combination will not be very unnatural to such as practice but do not study the art & Jenkins knows nothing of theory & as he confesses has often been turned out of doors.

20. Went up to Coxe's store, Norman street, to see a spider shell. It was a beautiful one with six projections, commonly known by the name of Spider shell. From thence I went to the heirs of old Stephen Daniels & saw the remaining books of that old family. Among them I found Sterne's whole duty of man, Bayle's practice of piety, & such like books. Bartas & the Bp. of Grenada were there besides several N. E. publications. Thence I went to West's land at the point, Southfields side of the harbour, to see where the Indian was dug up. All the soil was mixed with the clam shells. The body was upon the south side of the point, sitting & the bones of the animal were those of the fox, the teeth sharper than of a dog, said the man who shewed me the place.

21. The Bridge from Market street to South fields is half finished. From the landing on Southfields side to the Street is 70 feet wide & the Bridge forty. The Market house is moved easterly, the wings removed, the first floor remains as a Store, & the Assembly room unaltered. In the Eastern part of the town, the Store on the eastern side of Becket street, as it enters into Derby street, is to have in the upper loft a News room. The Subscribers amount to fifty chiefly such as are called Republicans. Something like it is contemplated in the western part of the town. The room is to be supplied with papers. The Gun house is begun on the Neck upon a small scale, & is of brick.

22. The Republican Candidate to fill Mr. Crowninshield's place is D[aniel] Kilham [M. D.] of Wenham. He is a firm man. Mr. Story has been too vacillating. B. C[rowninshield] seems not to unite the Republicans by prepossessions in his favour. Mr. W. Gray was invited to accept a nomination but he refused. The honourable part he has taken & his extensive Commercial information entitled him to the highest regard while it utterly must prevent any solicitation which opposes his wishes. He pleads his health, his family, & his domestic habits.

23. Sunday. Notes. Haven Pool & wife, d. of their eldest child. Samuel Briggs & wife, d. of their Child. In Newburyport, party has proceeded to its utmost lengths. The Republicans could never obtain from the great influence of the ministers who exercised a sovereignty over the people not consistent with republican principles. Should these prevail their power would fail. Mr. [John] Giles introduced into the place, & new societies forming, it was impossible that some party should not attempt to profit from religious competitions. Mr. Giles insensibly slid into the hands of the Republicans. The resentment of a party was sudden & rash, & the Republicans were roused in his defence. Twenty families left him. As many came to him. Major

Cogswell thinks Mr. Giles independant of his office but that he will be supported in it. My good old friend Revd. T[homas] Cary was carried out in arms, tho' paralytic, by the false zeal of his friends, to give his name to their party, while in the paroxism of his paralytic affections. Such the infatuation & the injury to a man in his second childhood.

24. Last evening died Capt. S[amuel] Skerry. He was one of our most active sea captains & belonged to the antient family which alone held any portion of Salem from the beginning. After full success, a few years since he purchased a valuable farm in Brookfield, Worcester County, Mass. He was upon a visit to Salem in Pope's Stable, Malborough street. Inadvertently he struck a horse with his umbrella, & the servant gave him notice that the horse was unruly. But [he] ventured to strike him again and the heels of the horse struck him upon the belly & he died at Mr. Farringtons. He has left a wife & five children. A warning to take advice & not to incur unnecessary danger. He was 36 years of age. He was injured Saturday afternoon & died on the Sunday night following.

25. The winds drove into our harbour yesterday above one hundred coasting Vessels. It is said by a man who counted them 140. This morning I counted from the heights above one hundred below the wharves & at anchor in the harbour only. This is not a common sight. Last evening our New Room* was opened in Derby street, corner of Becket street, and our Rep. in Congress gave it an opening [address] before a large number of people, on the subject of firmness. This evening was as Crowded a Caucus of the Republicans as ever was known. Our Selectmen had written to the Boston selectmen against a petition on the Embargo. Pickering's party wished the Town to petition contrary to the sense of the Selectmen. They signed a petition for a meeting. The republicans voted unanimously against a petition to the Government. Tomorrow the Meeting.

26. This day was a struggle of parties. Agreeably to the petition a Town Meeting had been warned & the place was the Tabernacle. The parties assembled in full house at nine & at one adjourned till 3 & did not finish their business till sundown. The principal speaker was Mr. W. Gray who spoke with great ease & clearness. He was clapped by the republicans & hissed by the federalists. Mr. Story & others spoke on the same side. In opposition was Col. B. Pickman junr. & his associates. Mr. Gray explained the history of the embargo & the nature of the British tribute & was supported by the presence of Capt. Joseph White, to whom great attention is paid in this town & who very seldom is found to interest himself in town matters. Upon the whole the vote was taken whether to petition Congress, & the republican ma-

*The Republican News Room.

jority against the petition was above one hundred out of nearly one thousand votes. In the course of the Argument the condition of the poor was mentioned. Mr. Gray then stated the case fairly & then declared that he had given the Overseers leave to draw upon him for any sum & that he was ready till the last cent should it be necessary. This eminent merchant obtained high honour from the friends of our country on this occasion. After the meeting the town was in the silence of midnight.

28. Yesterday was buried the third person within a fortnight from the family of Capt. Thomas Chipman, Church street. A son & two daughters. They were from 23 to 11 æt. & in good health before the fever seized them. In the fortnight preceeding in St. Peter's street, just below but within call, died Mr. Swan's wife & sister. All these very temperate, healthy people & without any particular cause in their habits for such mortality. Three in each house. The town otherwise in greater health than I have known in Oct. for 25 years. I have not asked the physicians & it is not to be expected they will make any report of these cases as it would be the first time. The facts are before us & the neighbourhood & virtue of the two families.

29. Mr. N[athaniel] Foster, who died in Salem, æt. 95, was not a native of Salem. He came early to Salem & served an Apprenticeship to the father of Barth. Putnam Esqr. late of the Customs in Salem & was a Taylor. He was lame, but a prudent, temperate, consistent, & poor man all his days but in good reputation with all our citizens.

30. Sunday. Note. Margaret Bray & children, d. of her Mother Ellison,* æt. 64. This deceased woman was a g. daughter of the Revd. Ulmer who came from Wurtemberg & settled in the province of Maine at the beginning of the last Century. The mother & d. of Revd. Ulmer died lately at Danvers, far above 90 years of age, under her last name in marriage, Ropes. In the absence of Mr. Turner, who is proposed as Minister of the new Universal Church in Salem, has appeared as a Preacher one Hosea Ballou of Bernard,† who is minister to the united societies in that neighbourhood. This man has appeared as an Author & published an 8vo volume in 1805 at Randolph, Vermont, in 216 pages. He has taken a different ground from the Rellyites & therefore has not quite so much favour. Copyright secured. He is no Unitarian. Punishment is of necessity not of penalty. He refers to a work by himself on the Parables. He entitles this work a Treatise on the Atonement. Definitions are not to be expected of him. He denies that sin can be infinite. Upon the Atonement he attempts to refute the received notions & then goes to the Mediator whom he holds to be created, dependant being. Christ

*Wife of John Ellison, aged 69 years.

†Barnard, Vt.

has power for it. On its nature which is reconciliation, & here is nonsense enough. God created man, in Christ the Mediator, &c. To this I add another sentence, p. 173. I believe that he whose soul travailed for the redemption of man, now increases in joy, as the work of reconciliation is going on, &c. Enough! Elias Smith the Baptist, who is to & fro & whose head quarters are at Portsmouth among those called Free Will, or as some, the Self will, has published numbers of a paper in the form of a newspaper entitled *The Herald of Gospel Liberty*. Its principal object is to whip the Clergy & by such writing we shall scourge good sense from our country.

31. This evening we had a strange sight of Taring & Feathering. One [Capt. Benjamin] Ireson, a native of Lynn, sailing from Marblehead, upon his return from the banks from a fishing voyage not far from Cape Cod espied a Vessel* on her beam ends. His men were ready to go to succour the crew who were on the side of the Vessel. He forbid them & came away & left them. Many circumstances of inhumanity are told but so far is certainly known. The men upon their return reported his conduct & entered on board different vessels & have gone in search of the sufferers. The enraged people of Marblehead, impatient under the injury done to their town which is distinguished by its generous aid of distress, seized the man covered him with tar & feathers & brought him into southfields but were forbidden to bring him into the town of Salem.

November 1 [1808]. The spirit of Caucusing is kept up. One of the Federalists this evening. Tomorrow evening of the Republicans at Marblehead, on Thursday at Lynn, on Friday at Salem. At Beverly, Gloucester, &c. they have been held.

3. We learn that Selfridge who murdered the son of Mr. Austin in Boston streets, met the father the other day & upon some pretence laid him in the gutter by a blow which he gave him. So we go. Yesterday was a Horse race in Lynnfield, much in the southern style. It collected many persons from Boston, Salem & the vicinity & seems to have been intended as an introduction to such sports in this part of the Country. We have had nothing like this as yet, which I can recollect, & horsemanship is as low in this portion of the States, as in any part of the Globe in which the opportunities for it are so good. It is rare in Salem to hear any boasting of Horses. And our Stages gave the first example, not our Freeholders, or men of property. The Salem & Boston Gazettes took notice of the Amusement at Lynnfield, & gave some description of the betts & races.

4. Our Republican Caucus & a Committee to distribute votes

*The Schooner Active, Capt. Gibbons, from Portland for Boston. Four lives were lost. The skipper, however, was falsely accused by his men whose fear of the high seas caused them to refuse to go to the rescue of the sinking vessel.

appointed. Besides this are Ward Committees which are divided by their private consent & appointment into District Committees so that no neighbourhood is without them. A Federalist observed "that he did not believe there was a better disciplined corps in the United States than the Salem Democrats." Mr. Pickman has attempted to vindicate himself against the Charge of wishing some great changes in the Constitution unfriendly to Elections. He finds it for his interest to say something as he is the Federal Candidate against Dr. D. Kilham. The Republicans are uncommonly active.

5. The Republicans have printed their Ipswich resolutions in a Pamphlet & the Federalists have put a pamphlet in circulation. They hesitate not in putting up their Candidate in opposition to the present administration, so that we have their consent to call it an opposition ticket. The struggles of interest are great but both parties feel jealous of each other, so sudden have been the changes in the votes in different parts of New England. I have never yet felt so interested in an election as the present. The aid of Mr. W. Gray & Joseph White give great advantages to the Republicans.

6. Ruth Endicott, d. of Eldest Child, pr. for Husband & Brother at sea. Peter Berry & wife, her delivery. She was a West of South fields. Peter intended to name his child with my name & I persuaded him to be content to call him William. I must remember him. Capt. Endicott put into my hands an ancient copy of a letter from his ancestor to the celebrated Dr. Owen, which I transcribe. Gov. John Endicot's letter to Doctor John Owen. Reverend Sir, It hath pleased the most high God possessor of heaven & earth who giveth no account of his Matters to take unto himself that Pious & eminent Minister of the Gospel Mr. John Norton, late teacher of the Church of Christ in Boston whose praise is in all the Churches, the suitable & happy repair of which breach is of great concernment not only to that Church but to all the Country. Now altho most of us are strangers unto you, yet having seen your labours, & heard of the grace & wisdom communicated unto you from the Father of Lights, we thought meet to write these to second the invitation & call of that Church unto yourself to come over & help us; Assuring you that it will be very acceptable to this Court, & we hope to the whole Country, if the Lord shall direct your way hither & make your journey prosperous to us. We confess the condition of this wilderness doth present little that is attractive as to outward things, neither are we unmindful that undertaking is great & the trials many that accompany it. The persons that call you, unworthy, simple men, of much infirmity, & possibly may fall short of your expectation (considering the long & liberal day of grace afforded to us) yet as Abraham & Moses being called of God, as

faith forsook their country & the pleasures thereof & follow the Lord, the one not knowing whither he went, the other to suffer affliction with & bare the manners of the people of God in the wilderness & God with them and honoured them, so we desire that the Lord will clear your call & give you his presence. You may please to consider these that give you this call as your brethren & companions in tribulations & are in this wilderness for the faith & testimony of Jesus. And that we still enjoy (through the distinguishing favour of God) the pleasant things of Zion in peace & liberty & which the Lord shall see meet to betrust us with his mercy we hope no due care will be found wanting in the government here established to encourage & cherish the Churches of Christ, & the Lord's faithful labourers in his Vineyard. Thus praying to the God of the spirits of all flesh, to set a man over this congregation of the Lord, that may go in soul before them & make your call clear, & voyage successful to us, that if the Lord shall vouch safe to us such a favour, you may come to us in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ. With our very kind love & respects we remain your very loving friends, John Endicott, Gov. in the name & by the Appointment of the Gen. Court sitting at Boston N. England, dated 20 October 1663. (copy)*

7. The day of Election of Member of Congress & for the first time the Opposition carried it by the defection of Cape Ann. In Salem, the votes were 901 Fed. & 901 Republican. Marblehead & Lynn did as well as usual & all the towns in the usual proportion. The principal cause of our suffering is from the young Lawyer [Joseph] Story whose duplicity has been very injurious to us. We could not agree to put him up & many were attached to him because we rejected him. Kilham is little known. We may say that greater exertions were never made by both parties & Cape Ann turned the scale against us. Gen. Derby in his usual way was out a fighting after having been at home a drinking. Mr. Upton was more than a match for him. I have not thought the Gen. malicious, but violent & now intemperate. The public opinion is that he is malicious because he held his resentments.

8. The votes of Yesterday in this District are announced. Gen. Derby has been challenged by Capt. Upton & the affair is before the Grand Jury now in town with the Supreme Judicial Court. The vessel dispatched from Spain which reached Cuba on 19 of October, sailed for Vera Cruz.

9. The Neck Farm was sold this day at Auction. It was sold for 6000 dollars & purchased by the Eldest son of the last Proprietor, Capt. Edw. Allen. In 1783 it was offered me for 200£, not 700 D., but not under its present great improvements.

*Dr. Owen in 1665 prepared to come to Boston but the great plague and fire of the following year, together with the King's declaration of indulgence to the Dissenters resulted in a change of plan.

10. The thunder & lightning of Tuesday was accompanied with great darkness much resembling the Dark day & the appearances in the N. W. were similar. The shower fell perpendicularly with out any appearance of a rising cloud & the rain & thunder lasted not one quarter of an hour. Yesterday, almost the whole day, the sun was very red & for a few moments seemed to break out, but the weather continued dark & is in that state till the present moment.

12. The weather for the past week has been uniformly dark with heat at times & with little moisture of the Atmosphere. Such has been the weather since Tuesday when the weather began to assume the appearance so memorable on the dark day of 1780.

14. This day went in Cross' Stage for Boston & dined with My Father. Saw Dr. Eliot & visited Gov. Sullivan who had just returned from his first ride since his late great indisposition. He thinks he has been three days getting better. For the first time saw the Exchange but the naked front, without anything but its own surface on the line of the street, is not capable of affording a view but of a very large building. In the old South I found them removing the gallery stairs from the body of the Church into the porches. And the pulpit is much more convenient from being inclosed & formed to receive many persons. Everywhere I saw the great additions to the conveniences & ornaments of the Town. But the new Meeting Houses add but three to the number before the revolution, tho' much to their grandure & decorations. The filling of the Mill pond remains unfinished. The new stores where the old Brick or first Church stood, were nearly finished. The walls were up & the brick partition. Mountford's at the entrance of the North Square, was removed & lay open.

16. Left Salem with Mr. V. in his Chaise upon a visit to Newbury port. Having been accustomed to ride in the Stages for long distances, slow riding was not pleasant. We reached Newbury port by Ipswich & the N. P. Turnpike from Dummer Academy & dined at the Gen. Wolfe's, Stetson's, formerly Davenport's. After dinner I visited Mr. Giles, minister of the Presbyterian Church & successor of his Brother in Law Bodily, who has attached himself to the Republicans & has been deserted by the Federalists. He has three daughters. From his house I went to spend the evening at Capt. N. Knapp sen. in company with S. Cross Esqr., Capt. Joseph Noyes, &c. I returned & lodged at the Gen. Wolfe & was very kindly entertained.

17. After breakfast I completed my visits & had an opportunity to look round the Town. I visited the Grave yard & saw the monument of my friend Murray on the side of the hill & the monuments of Mr. Lowell, Marsh & other divines. The New Town House stands well. Before dinner I was upon my return upon the route in which I went out & dined at Treadwell's new



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Tavern near the Old Meeting Ipswich at the Sign of Washington, two doors north of the Old Tavern. Here we met many of the Representatives on their return to the province of Maine. At Wenham, I stopped & took tea with Capt. Elkins family & was very hospitably received. I had not time to stop at Mr. D. Kilham who is preparing a rod for the Ex Senator Goodhue who has grossly misrepresented his opinions on Commerce from some events when Kilham was in the Legislature twenty years ago. We reached Salem about six o'clock in the evening.

19. Mr. Kilham's friends have made a statement against the Certificate of Goodhue & Manning, that Kilham 20 years ago to a Gentleman made a declaration against Commerce. From the highest authority it is proved that at the time there was a remonstrance by Gov. Hancock & others against the Oppression of our Commerce & it is Mr. Kilham's consent to this remonstrance which is tortured into a general charge against his Commercial principles. Nothing vile has been left untried to injure Mr. Kilham & to obtain Mr. Pickman's election. Haverhill New Bridge finished. Three Vessels launched into the Merrimac at that place this season.

20. Sunday. Last week at Newbury Port I had a conversation with Revd. Giles. Some facts appeared which discovered the manners of Newbury port to be of that unfavourable cast in which the want of correct principle is supplied by the terror of fanaticism & in which no man out of the reach of the law is safe. The literary character is much below where I thought it to be. Mr. Giles has been forsaken for his political faith (for of his theological I know nothing but that he is at Newbury Port), by 29 families, & at the next March meeting he expects they will make a struggle to dismiss him. He says he warmly attached himself to the Opposition in England. I could not know how in a short conversation, but he says he was firm. But he appears not too firm at present. I said what I do myself & left him. I hope he has not made a mistake in any politico theological calculations. I found my worthy friend Cary so low by his paralytic affections that upon being told I was with him, he just roused to clasp my hands & say "my good friend," & then sunk again. His family thought him lower than they had observed him. He seems from some cause, so says Giles, to have lost his former confidence in Giles. Can it be possible that political prejudice could have done it. I should have asked had his mind admitted free access to him. Was Giles told that the Republicans would join the Baptists & caught in this snare.

21. Attended the quarterly visitation of the Schools. Found 20 at Parker's Grammar School, 80 at Gray's Centre School & the children read well. Found 100 at Hacker's West School & good writing. 60 at Dodge's Northfield School & good writing.

In the East School, Lang's, nothing. The woman's school had 40 little Children in good order & well combed & dressed. We began at 10 & finished at One o'clock. Upon the whole nothing inferior to any former exhibition. Only four of the Committee attended.

22. This day was buried the wife of Capt. Thomas Chipman, the fourth of a family of adults of whom notice was taken 28 Oct. last. The family of Swan & wife & mother & sister below Church street, is another example of four adults at the same time. And yet the other persons & the neighbours have not had the slightest complaints & it is a time of general health. These well known facts.

25. Received a letter from Col. Cross of Newbury Port, that my Most worthy Friend Revd. Thomas Cary died on Wednesday night just at midnight. Just a week from the time I saw him which was last Thursday morning. He was the friend of my youth, a man whom I most highly esteemed & from whom I received the best good offices. The alarm was not so great as it would have been had I not long anticipated this sorrowful event. This morning too I had the notice of the death of a most worthy parishioner Mrs. M[ehitable] Byrne. She was the only daughter of my dear friend Capt. W[illiam] Patterson, & of most exemplary life in the most trying scenes to virtue & under every evil of bodily infirmity. I was with her to the last & never heard her complain tho' every part of the body was tortured & every bone displaced in a surprising manner.* In her youth excessencies were attached to her finger nails as big as hazel nuts. Several physicians attended her but from them I learnt nothing. This day was a military Exhibition encouraged by Contribution among the Citizens. Volunteers from different Companies assembled under Major Dean, & about 100 in the garb of Indians. The scene was in the neighbourhood of Peter's Spring in Northfield. I saw nothing extraordinary in the military part but confess that some of my fellow citizens acted the worst part of the Indian manners very handsomely.

26. Dr. Kilham appeared this day in the Register in his own vindication. But the point is gained, & the party cares not whether his plea be just or not & have their religion, &c. still left. I had made every preparation to attend Revd. Cary's funeral this day, but the appearances of the weather, the lateness of the procession, & the nearness of Sunday, made me abandon the design. The Gunhouse finished on the neck, & the piers of S. River Bridge from Market street connect with the shores. Great improvements on North Bridge in filling up & repairing the Wharves which had been in great decay.

27. Sunday. Note. Wm. Millet, d. of his sister, wife of Capt.

*She was afflicted with rheumatism.

Th. Chipman. She had just buried three adult children & followed them herself. In the death of Mr. Cary we see sufficiently what use will be made of the infirmities of influential men. He was not only carried to vote at a party election by the influence of a Son unworthy of him, but was induced to renounce his former friends for the same purpose. Mr. Giles, whom Mr. Cary very strongly recommended to me, assured me that in consequence of some political questions abroad, Mr. Cary was induced to avoid his house & when Mr. G. met him afterwards it was with that angry tone of voice which forbid explanations & affection. And at his death such a selection was made of his friends by invitations as clearly prove that they who were denied him in his life were not welcome even to pay funeral honours. The entire debility of this worthy man must shelter him from any blame, but must fix just infamy on the eldest son who abused so good a father. This is not the first abuse of old age by friends. In the past week we had a sale of deficient pews in East Meeting House. The subscription for a new House has injured us much by its ill success. No persons believe we have abandoned the design of erecting a New One & therefore will not become purchasers in the Old. Such Pews as were sold, were sold at the valuation which is just high enough for two or three years taxes. So that at this sale even the incorporation suffered. No order of men within my knowledge, in proportion to their number, have reached so high an age as Deacons in the Congregational Churches. At my leisure I am determined to make a Catalogue, as it must be curious with posterity and as it is a known fact that that order is sinking from its first reputation and therefore cannot at present command men of those firm habits which formerly filled it. Was a man venerable in years, firm in health, honourable in his employment, fixed in reputation, he was in the middle of life appointed to this office, & few men thought it unworthy of them to accept it, to whom it could be offered. At present some decline from the sanctity of it & some from the restraints it may be thought to impose. And as little duty is attached to it few are interested to direct a happy choice & therefore it falls from its primitive honour & longevity. All the deacons of our Church died aged. Deacons Willard, Elvins, Prince, Ward, Webb, died aged & left numerous posterity. My present deacons are in health & are at the mean age of seventy. Deacon Andrew & Phippen also were aged. I believe that the deacons would give a mean of 80 years. Revd. Thomas Cary, son of Samuel Cary Esqr. was born at Charlestown, Mass. 18 Oct. 1745, A. B. at Camb. 1761, Ord. May 11, 1768, d. æt. 64, 20 years afflicted with palsy.

29. Proposals have been made to remove the Old house at S. W. corner of the Common, formerly Gerrish's, then Andrews,

& to raise another block of Brick buildings in that neighbourhood extending from Essex street to the Common east side of Newbury street. The Government discovers a disposition to pursue all branches of the Embargo laws. Only such have been suspected in Salem as are known to have been of suspicious character & the few abroad do not venture upon a return. The officers of Government are vigilant.

December 1 [1808]. Thanksgiving in Massachusetts. We had a full congregation, good contribution, & very good Church Music. The two Anthems & all the tunes had never been sung before in the congregation. Mr. Richards was here from Portsmouth, N. H., as they had their Thanksgiving some time in the last month. I have been told that the Clergy are not disposed to push affairs to a rupture upon the plan of the separation of the States. The part the Clergy has taken in New England with few exceptions has been decidedly Anti-Republican.

4. Sunday. Tho' Sunday, nothing could check the Curiosity to see a Whale which had been found in the Offing & which has been grounded in the Cove near the fort on Winter Island. He measured as he lay 60 feet in length. It is many years since we have been favoured with such a sight. Notes. Clifford Byrne & wife & family, d. of his d. in law. She was Mehitable, only d. of late Capt. W. Patterson, pr. eldest son absent. Rebecca Patterson, G. mother of the deceased, pr. G. sons absent. Mary Patterson, W. of B., d. of her S. in law M. Byrne, pr. Husband & Br. absent. We learn from Boston that the younger son of late Revd. Thomas Cary of Newbury Port, has accepted to be a Colleague with Revd. James Freeman of Stone Chapel, Boston. Mr. Freeman has pressed this matter.

6. Col. Th[omas] Cushing, æt. 51, who deceased in this town last Saturday, was the son of late L. Gov. T. Cushing, who distinguished himself by his zeal & integrity during our Revolution, & whom I well know. His Son had not in an eminent degree any of his father's patriotic virtues, but he was a man of the beau monde, facetious & inoffensive, [and] without system in his affairs as a merchant he spent his property. His last marriage was in Salem, to a Miss Orne, g.d. of late W. Pyncheon Esqr. The family was deceived into a belief of his wealth. To retrieve his affairs he built a Villa at Orne's Point, North Salem, & established a Brick kiln, but the pressure of his affairs made the scheme abortive & he returned to Salem. A fever with derangement came on from which he did not recover.

7. Had the pleasure of seeing the Whale taken by the Marblehead men off the Brimbles last Saturday. They towed in upon our neck & began to cut him up for the oil, not suspecting the value of him as a Curiosity, such as had not been seen in this quarter for 60 years. A Mr. Crombie bought him, after he was

mangled, for 400 D & on Monday he was conveyed to West's wharf beyond Stage point, South Salem. I could not get a full view. His head was mangled & under jaw gone & upper jaw turned inside upward. In the position in which I saw him, he appeared to be the *Balaena Boops*. Many of our friends had never seen the wrinkled whale before. The longitudinal stripes which covered him gave a singular appearance to this Wonder of Creation.

8. The Arrival of Soldiers of the United States army in this quarter is made another subject of alarm by the opposition. They have clamoured against the Government for not providing defences & fortifications, & now complain because they have found Soldiers. 75 privates were marched into this town for Salem, Marblehead & Gloucester.

9. New alarms about the Violation of the Embargo? If a small part of the tales are true we are in a strange condition. We have an opportunity of seeing the strength of the habits of Commercial men & often an unfavourable picture of human nature. Some great questions have been sent in [to] Congress & the Non-importation from France & England passed by 84 to 22, a strong support to the Madison ticket.

10. We had news from Boston that our Gov. James Sullivan died this morning. He was long indisposed, from his habit which had for some time subjected him to Epilepsy, tho' he was encouraged when I last saw him a few weeks ago. The bells were tolled one hour at 8 o'clock in Boston. He was a man of real worth & the fullest tribute was paid to him till he consented to an open friendship with the republicans. Nothing was objected to him seriously, but what belonged to his habits as a Lawyer, & of this character the people are the most jealous as it is the only one to which the people of this count[r]y generally attribute habitual dishonesty.

11. Sunday. The death of Gov. Sullivan might well be deplored as a loss to the Ministers of the Congregational Churches, as he was indeed the tie between them & the State, whenever in any of their incorporations the laws required laymen to be united in the exercise of their privileges. But as soon as party opposed Sullivan, they dismissed him from his engagements as if he had been an offender, to answer the vices of a party & to the eternal disgrace of all who had any influence in such irreligious proceedings. Much indeed may be allowed for the outrages of party, but much still must be reckoned to the duplicity, subserviency, & policy of some influential ministers, not to name the individuals who have disgraced themselves in these transactions. I am sorry to know so much as I do, but the conduct in the historical society gives me some facts, & good information many more, & my suspicions have a most unfavourable opinion of these transactions. We learn from Dorchester, that on Dec. 7, was ordained at the

New Meeting House, Mr. John Codman. This is the second of our Sons from Boston (C. Lowell of Boston, being the first) that has pursued his theological studies at Edinburgh & that has come home laden with Scotch Divinity. Mr. Freeman in his Letter to me speaks of his intended Colleague at the Chapel in Boston, as a young man of good talents & solid learning & of growing reputation. Mr. Cary is younger in appearance than in real age. Among the notices of political preachers on the late thanksgiving we have two added to the list. Dr. Eckley of Boston & Dr. Spring of Newbury Port. No person doubts that both intend to profit from the political ferment in their Congregations. Eckley has lately received a Colleague & has been fixing his Church for new hearers, & Spring upon the death of Cary & the republicanism of Giles may hope to profit, as Mr. Carey assured he did, by multiplying his lectures at the moment that Good man was taken from his labours by the first paralytic affections which seized him. These men are those who hold disinterested affection & are willing to be damned for the glory of God.

14. Our Quota of 113 men of the 100,000 has been demanded. We make a respectable figure in our numbers, but when we have any internal measures to pursue, wealth & rank tell us we have little independence. The opposition say draft your men & do not accept volunteers. The republicans acquiesce when they might see before their eyes that the experiment of volunteering has roused a spirit of patriotism in the southern states & has made it easy to distinguish at this crisis friend from foe. I put little confidence in the abilities of our domestic republicans.

15. We have now before us the spirited reply of the Members of Congress in majority, to the Mass. Legislature. But in vain in New England. We have too deep a relish for Commercial speculation to relish highly any thing patriotic. The Speeches of the distinguished members of Congress have a deep interest & all hands are busy through the periodical papers to praise or blame. The Communication of Mr. Gallatin of the Treasury to prevent the violation of the Embargo Laws, discovers an intimate acquaintance with the facts & the true manners of our Commerce & is just as explicit as the times may require. Indeed the great majority for the non importation discovers no disposition to yield to European Politics, but to defend or die.

16. This was the day appointed for the funeral of Gov. James Sullivan. About a thousand Horse & foot, perhaps one quarter Cavalry, appeared on the occasion from the neighbouring towns, and in the procession moved in front. Then the Civil Fathers followed & then the Corpse, the pall supported by the first characters. The Chief Justice Parsons could not attend. Then followed a few mourners, the members of the societies to which he belonged, the Ex Officers Civil & Military, the Clergy & a few

Citizens. In all about 1100. The Bells were tolled & minute guns discharged, and a countless number of Spectators crowded the streets & Houses. In many things the hand of the enemy might be seen, but these things were not rudely shown to the multitude. According to the Antient custom, there was no Oration or public prayers, to the honour of the Arrangement. Domestic prayers at noon were by the family minister, Mr. Buckminster. The numbers were few of the ex officers & of the Clergy, who appear to have shewn no zeal on the occasion. Mr. Th. Thacher of Dedham I walked with & hope that he will give us something as invaluable as his sermon on the death of Gov. S. Adams. The procession moved up Marlborough street from Summer street, the place of the Governour's late residence, then by Boylston street, then by the Common down School street, through Cornhill to State street, then up Court into Tremont street to the Common Old Ground, the place of interment. From Salem went up our Commissioned Officers, but no troops, tho' this might have been a fine day to display both our Horse & Uniform Companies. Many of the Citizens went up in private Carriages & most of the Clergy. The Shipping was not generally dressed, but all were in distress so that this seemed proper enough to dismantled vessels. The Body in State had been exposed to the curiosity of people of every class from morning till late in the evening, particularly in the last days & was displayed under a canopy on which much taste had been employed. Tho' I have been present on several such occasions, yet I am not able to make comparisons upon the whole of the attention & effect. This kind of parade was begun with Gov. Burnet in 1729, & a very few of our Citizens remain to give some account of that funeral.

18. Sunday. Note. James Clearage wife & children, he sick. A Review of the Constitution & Associate Statutes of the Theological Seminary in Andover, with a sketch of its rise & progress, in the Anthology of December. Tho' this work is miserably conducted yet now & then something with good purpose appears. This review clearly proves that this Institution is indeed Jesuitical & the Calvinists have been made to play into the hands of the Hopkinsians, who when strong enough undoubtedly intend to usurp the grounds & assume sovereign authority. The proof is adequate enough. The basis of the Calvinist institution is the Assembly's shorter Catechism says the founder. The Creed has so much of that Catechism as agrees with Hopkinsianism & no more, & the language conforms to the Hopkinsian system. This the Reviewer unequivocally proves from the creed, which it repeats & properly italicises. The Jesuitical Scheme is most justly exposed to the world. The Review is circulated in a pamphlet.

20. Mr. Pickering has presumed to use Mr. Gray's name in favour of some of his Commercial assertions & Mr. Gray denies

any such assertions as his own or as having his approbation. Pickering is a man of that insensibility that he can be piqued & driven fearlessly into any measures. He denies the cause of the Embargo, says we have more trade or may have than in a time of peace. That we might have had a treaty & that the present Embargo is the rash act of the present administration. All these assertions have been refuted repeatedly. His statement is altogether founded on conjectural circumstances & while he repels the charge of English Influence, he virulently charges that of the French upon the administration. He openly justifies the English & denies that Madison's statement is just in fixing the principles of neutral trade upon English policy in 1756, & pretends to produce authorities.

22. This day died Hon. John Norris Esq. æt. 57. He was a Son of Mr. Norris, a Baker in Salem, but whether a descendant of the Minister & Schoolmaster I do not know. I could get no information from John or Edward, who was a Writing Master & Town Clerk & has been dead several years. Edw[ard] was a man of small powers but a good tho' not correct penman. John went to merchandise & had excellent masters of his vessels & great success. He was once detected in running his goods but his general habits were of austere superstitions. He had no talent at conversation & no knowledge of men, but the rigid manners of his life gave him the name of piety which he believed to be sincere & the orthodox had many opportunities to try the sincerity of their influence upon him. He was the principal person in erecting the New South Meeting house & the society is greatly indebted to him still. He was called upon with Bartlet of Newburyport & Moses Brown of Providence, to give his 10,000 D. to the Associated statutes of the Theological institution at Andover. No man pretended to attribute to him discriminating powers, but his modesty, silence & gravity & invariable ill health, & yet great success made all the world respectful to him. He married a Herbert, sister to the wives of Col. Harthorne, Ellis Mansfield, &c. And his sisters married James King & Walter Bartlet. It is believed he has died intestate. Hon. J. Norris was in the Senate from 1796 to 1798, three years successively. Last year he purchased the estate of the deceased Rev. Wm. Symmes of Andover & resided in that town but returned to Salem upon the approach of winter. He left no children.

23. In our national councils we have several valuable speeches. The address of the Majority of the Members in Congress from Mass. to the majority of the Legislature has been printed in Salem, as well as Giles's able speech.

24. Last Thursday ended the Year of the Embargo. This was a new opportunity to excite discontents. In Beverly, Thorndike & his friends instigated disorderly conduct in the seamen, by

conveying a boat with stones through the streets, firing guns, & such things. Notice has been given of such a purpose in Newburyport, in which the temper was equally disorderly. In Salem, as a counterpart, the English Union was hung under the American flag with disgrace & a salute of joy at the spot where the first bold resistance was made to the English arms at North Bridge. In Marblehead it had been reported that the Beverly boys were to hang Jefferson in effigie. Messengers were sent to be informed of the fact & to report to the Inhabitants who had determined to prevent the insult at the hazard of life. How nigh we tread upon the paths of sedition & rebellion. We have been favoured with a wax profile of Sullivan in high relief. Much has been said of the resemblance and execution.

25. Christmas Day. The English Church tho' usually very thin was full this day & chiefly from the most rigid sects. We see the attraction of the decorations of a Church still in New England. Several documents which serve to explain the Character of the worthy Mr. Thomas Cary in his pastoral relations accompany the Funeral Sermon by Mr. Andrews his Colleague Pastor in Newbury Port.

28. The Boston faction were reminded that their treatment of our best patriots on Forefathers day resembled the Juvenalia of Nero, when old men were licenced to act like children & crack their jokes on the best things & the best men under shelter of a licence which only corrupt times could grant to the baseness of any age. A proper imitation of the December of old Rome.

29. Mr. Giles of the U. S. Senate, in his reply to Pickering, has given the just character of this troublesome man who is indeed the Thersites of his times. But it is unanimously agreed that the subject of this just severity will be the last man to feel the chastisement. It will contribute to lessen that influence which a party has long endeavoured to give him because he is never afraid to avow all the extravagant things which a party can dare to suggest to him. The reply has been read with great avidity & it will issue from our presses to accompany the speech which has lately been printed from Mr. Giles in vindication of our present administration.

30. The representation of Marblehead, that the town is ready to support the Embargo & are ready to employ their Fishing Schooners in the service of Government to secure the execution of the Embargo, with the Resolutions accompanying it, are received with the applause due to their patriotism.

January 1, 1809. Sunday. Note. John Peters & wife & children, d. of youngest daughter. This day is memorable by the Ordination of Mr. S. Cary, Colleague with Reverend James Freeman in the Chapel Boston. Mr. Freeman was ordained by his wardens, & this man by his Colleague Mr. Freeman. A bold

stroke at the pride of priestcraft & a just assertion of the right of every religious association. It is to be hoped & if not hoped, wished, that the same spirit was in all our Churches. At Haverhill, Joshua Dodge has been lately ordained in the old parish after a long vacancy since the desertion of Mr. Abbott, settled in Lower Beverly. Died at the Ropeyards [Boston] Revd. John Trueman, æt. 82, in his ministry 57 years as Pastor & never missed a sermon. The Andover Jesuitism does not succeed greatly. Instead of the higher Theological Studies they are not unwilling to teach the Roman Classics of the School. This institution is subject of much public animadversion.

3. Mr. Giles' speech is very interesting to us in regard to Mr. Pickering who from long habits of dominion over his weaker neighbours has endeavoured to assert & exercise tyranny over his betters. This severe correction is most surely merited & the arrogance of the man is not denied by his best friends & most able advocates. The Marblehead patriots have abuse from their Salem neighbours from the interfering claims of their patriotism. We must confess honestly they have far outdone us in most trying scenes.

4. H[annah] Franks, who died on Sunday last [aged 32 years] of Tetanus Trismus, was a good sober girl, descended from Joseph Franks a Corsican, by a wife from Jersey. He came to Marblehead before the war & removed to Andover & thence after the peace to Salem. He is a very exemplary man. His d[daughter] H[annah] entered, soon after I came to Salem, into the family of Capt. Gibaut & from a servant became a child. After the death of the Mother, Father & only Son & child, the Son made her his heir to one quarter of his estate, which for several years she has kindly disposed for the benefit of her Father & a mother who has been deranged in mind 25 years. I am utterly unable to account for the complaint of which she died & the Physicians did not pretend to have a satisfactory account of it.

6. Received from President Jefferson a very respectful notice of the specimens which I sent him of penmanship from the children of Mr. B. Crowninshield, son of my Landlady. He says "I have certainly never seen anything in either way equally perfect, & I esteem them as models which will not, I believe be exceeded." He afterwards adds "Be so good as to present to the young artists the assurances of my thankfulness for these acceptable proofs of their uncommon talents. If my testimony of their eminence can be any gratification to them it is offered with sincerity as justly due to them." These specimens were sent at the request of Gen. Dearborn.

8. Sunday. Note. Joseph Franks & wife & children, d. of his daughter Hannah. Mr. Hancock* gave me from a letter of

*N. Hancock, miniature painter, then living in Salem.

his Daughter, an account of the proceedings of the King's Chapel at the ordination of Mr. Cary. I took it from his reading & recollection. Mr. Freeman read prayers & preached in the morning. The subject was the duty of a people to their minister. He ended his sermon with an exhortation to the young to be good & come to the Communion. In the afternoon the church was much crowded. Mr. Cary read prayers, omitting the last prayer. Mr. Freeman then led Col. May & Mr. Oliver the Wardens into the desk. Mr. Freeman began with an address to the Church in which he mentioned the reformed Liturgy & his own ordination in that Church, which he should always consider as a great honour & a just blow to superstition. If our forefathers had lived to have been witnesses they would have approved of it. That he had lived half a century & his star must soon set in the west but another star had arisen in his place, & then he read a vote of the Church & wardens proving that they had made a choice of the reverend Samuel Cary as their Pastor, which the Wardens signed in the open Church. He then requested Mr. Cary to give an answer to the vote, to signify his acceptance, which he did in a very solemn manner. Mr. Freeman then gave his right hand of fellowship which he asked him to accept as a testimony of his sincere friendship & esteem, saying that he received him into his bosom as a friend. Mr. Freeman then put his hand upon the head of Mr. Cary, saying that he in behalf of the Church & Wardens ordained him Minister, Pastor, Teacher & Elder. Mr. Freeman then gave Mr. Cary the Charge, & told him to read the epistles of Paul to Titus & Timothy which could afford him better instructions than could elsewhere be obtained & told him that he was placed over an excellent people & that he must be a son, brother, father, & friend to his Charge, that he must always be interested in what he preached & cultivate a tender friendship with the young ministers, & with advice to such good purposes, he mentioned the late death of the father of Mr. Cary & recommended to him to imitate the virtues of such a father. Mr. Cary then read the last prayer & preached & the duty of a minister was the subject of his sermon, his text being part of 28 v. of 23 Chap. of Jeremiah. "He that hath my word, let him preach my word faithfully." At the close of his discourse he addressed the brethren of the Church, they rose. Among other things he said he was very grateful for the unanimity of their choice & observed that it was the first day of the year, a time of general examination & good resolutions, that in the past year he had experienced pleasure & pain, & then very affectionately mentioned the death of his Father, & to his acknowledgments to the Church he added a most affectionate recollection of the uncommon goodness with which he had been received & assisted by his Colleague Mr. Freeman. In expectation of this event Mr. Andrews, Col-

league of the Father, in his Sermon at the funeral of Revd. Thomas Cary, 26 Nov. 1808, observes, p. 28, of this younger Son of Mr. Cary, "Our young friend who is soon to be ordained in a respectable society in the Capital, claims our attention. We rejoice in the prospect of his connection with a man, amiable in his temper, devout in his feelings, great in his literary attainments, & exemplary in his life & conversation." A just respect to Mr. Freeman.

10. Much is said in the Gazettes about the quotation of Mr. Pickering from the words of Mr. W. Gray, our eminent merchant, which our Mr. Gray denied that he had ever authorised by any words he had ever uttered. It seems a wish to force Mr. Gray to a written denial in order to gain advantage to abuse him. This worthy man by giving his opinion in favour of the Embargo continues to receive abuse & has been obliged to withdraw himself from many circles of former friendship. Upon a late attack he replied "If you wish to force me from Salem I Will go."* He says he cannot receive civilities from some of his former acquaintances from the violence of political prejudice in Salem & in the Capital.

11. I visited in company the Leopard now exhibiting in Salem. I found him about 4 feet long & about 2 feet high. He appeared in perfect health & playful but he struck with his claws in sport so as to be in earnest upon human flesh. I saw nothing different from the usual description & could get nothing accurately of his history. It was said he was from India & about 8 months old. He was confined in a wooden cage with rounds about 6 feet by 3 feet.

12. Mr. [Daniel] Bowen of the Boston Museum, levying his contributions on Salem for his lost Museum.† The public are more indebted for the object than they can be to the abilities of the man who is better adapted to his wax work exhibitions than to the service of real Science.

13. Measures taking to excite Newburyport, Beverly & Gloucester, in which the many are directed by a few leaders to declare in their town meetings their disapprobation of the public measures & to occasion new causes of discontent. Greater malignity was never expressed or more perseveringly maintained. The towns of Salem, Marblehead & Lynn remain unshaken. We probably shall hear the result by the Boston papers, as nothing could be satisfactorily explained but from headquarters.

15. Sunday. Mr. William Rogers gave me a Catalogue of the Members of Harvard College for 1809. It was the first I had seen but it is said that it had been published for several years in the same form. There have been some interruptions at Cambridge

*He did remove to Boston during the following year.

†Destroyed by fire Jan. 16, 1807.

lately from the excentricities of the Youths, who made for the entry into the buttry & carried away articles provided for a Corporation dinner. Several Youth were obliged to leave the College. We are told at Brunswick College, Maine, where the whole number of Students does not exceed 30, they have been obliged to some late censures for disorderly behaviour. This day may be reckoned among the old fashioned winter days. A Snow was falling all day with very little wind & the air very Cold. It continued below 20 within doors all day. Mr. Worcester has published a pamphlet on the Messiah. In it he has attempted to prove much about it from the Old Testament. So long as the Old Testament remains as the basis of any Theological opinion the ingenuous investigation of it will be impossible. We are undoubtedly ages back of Europe in this kind of knowledge, & it is to be feared that establishments will get hold of us before we know how to use our reason justly to repel them.

17. We have reached a crisis which demands the firmness of the friends of Government. The Towns of Newbury Port, Gloucester, Beverly & Bath have been induced by majorities to pass votes against the Embargo laws. In Boston, the collector has resigned as not willing to enforce them. He had resigned before but had continued at the request of the Government. At this crisis he has assisted alarm. In Beverly, an insult was attempted to the revenue boat, & a large guard is out to prevent the jailing of a vessel loading against the Laws. We have also abundant proof how little way with the multitude principle will go against their apparent interest. Government seems firm.

18. I have seen letters from the higher powers. They indicate no intentions of yielding but they determine that the exchange if made shall be for war. The southern states are firm. The Enforcing Embargo act was published in the Salem Register this day.

19. Wrote my 3d letter to Gen. V[arnum], Speaker of the H. of R. In this I informed him of the Beverly affair as I had it from G. C. & of the temper of the merchants as I had it from the Collector by B. C. & others. The party are enraged at the new Embargo enforcing law & have many consultations but their Counsel has recommended to wait till the meeting of the Legislature & to give bonds according to Law. The Southern members hold up that if pressed they will go to war for the safety of their own produce & not for the carrying trade, a distinction which must be very fatal to the speculators in the Northern States who are doing every thing to irritate the Southern. This argument may be seen in Williams speech, a member from S. Carolina.

20. Mr. Gray has distinguished himself by his bounty to the poor. He gives 2 barrels [of flour] a week to the poor & promises one a day to the poor if necessity so require. Capt. Joseph White

gives 100 bushels of Corn, & Capt. G. Crowninshield, Biscuits, rice & such articles. Mr. Gray has been insulted by all the mean arts which his mean enemies can devise, by saying he gave counterfeit bills & sour flour. So despicable is an enraged party by their disappointments. Yesterday I attended the funeral of a Mrs. Larabee on the plain, Danvers, æt. 51.

22. Sunday. Notes. James Fairfield, d. of his wife. Deborah Goodrich, death of her Sister Fairfield. We have news of the death of Revd. Jacob Cushing, D. D. of Waltham, æt. 79, & in 51 year of his ministry. I was acquainted with him in my early life. He was distinguished by his hospitality & candour. A few years ago Cambridge gave him a degree due to his exemplary Christian life. The addresses to the President this season have come from several portions of the society of Friends called Quakers, Baptists & Methodists. All the sects are indebted to the mild administration of Jefferson. Dr. Spring, the Chief Agent in the Jesuits College at Andover, has been uncommonly violent against our administration. He has not observed decency in the pulpit or out of it. Alas, that religion should be the loot of angry men for the worst of purposes. Some men do not want *Regium Donum* to prompt them to obey their passions. In Consent with New York & elsewhere, in N. Carolina an act has passed to prevent the selling of spirituous liquors near houses of worship in time of public service. The Camp meetings have contributed to extend this evil in a shameful degree. It will soon be a question as public worship is managed, is it a real blessing to mankind. In a little old torn book entitled "The Cause of our divisions discovered & the cure propounded," printed in England, is the following advertisement of Hooker's Works. Books by P. Cole, London Hall, London, "Mr. Hooker's Books that are printed. Eleven Books made in New England by Mr. Thomas Hooker & printed from his own papers, written with his own hand, are now published in 3 Vol. 2 in 4to. & one in 8vo. The Application of Redemption." And then the advertisement gives the eleven texts. And then adds, "there are six more books of Mr. Hooker now printing in 2 vol. 4to." No proper care has been taken to make a Collection of the first books printed from the writings of our first settlers. They were not collected even in the old Library burnt at Cambridge. This Curiosity ought to be freely indulged at least to the Antiquary if not to the Politician, patriot, or Christian. Capt. Reynier of the U. S. Army, stationed at our Fort, tells me that the Episcopalians in Conn. increase from the violence of the Metaphysical preachers of the Consociation of that state. Capt. R. dined with me this day, & his Lieut. Mr. Welch, yesterday. Probably similar causes occasioned their increase in New York, more than the riches of the Church as Mr. Osgood supposed. The specimens of Southern Preb. preaching were to us

terrible. We hear of the Free Will Baptists getting into North Andover as no minister is established in that Parish. In Manchester they are preparing to settle an ejected minister from New Hampshire as the Free Wills had entered upon that Town as humble in attainments as civil society can admit. They have not yet settled in 2d Cong C. Marblehead, & Methodists increase.

24. The fitting out our Naval force is by no means a popular measure in Congress. In favour of it, 10 Jan. the resolutions were, 64 to 59 & a recommitment was lost next day by 59 to 50. The Gov. of S. Carolina openly attributes the evils of the Embargo & ill success abroad to the northern part of the union. Gen. Smith in the Senate, on our Commercial affairs has gained great honour. The Military spirit, the increase of volunteers, & the new Military arrangements in the different states give good hopes. The President has communicated the state of our fortifications. Above a million of Dollars expended.

25. A singular specimen of party deliberate injury has been detected. The malicious Pickering of the U. S. Senate, finding that he could gain no favour from Mr. Gray our best merchant, & that in defiance of every artifice he continued to vindicate the public measures, he introduced Mr. Gray's name in his speech in the Senate contrary to the known & declared opinion of Mr. Gray. And now he has been challenged. George Cabot, one of the known Essex Junto, comes out & says that in March last he heard Mr. Gray say what justifies Pickering, tho' Mr. Gray has most openly declared the contrary in the public streets for months & was accessible for his opinions at all times. If this does not brand party measures with infamy nothing can.

26. I consulted Mr. Bowen of the Boston Museum, who worked at the printing office of Mary Crouch of Salem, but he could give me no information respecting her paper only that it was not printed in his time & could not have been of long continuance. He told me that Mr. Doyle, now with him in the Museum in Boston, worked with Ezekiel Russel, but he was persuaded the paper was not of long continuance under Russel. I have not yet seen any of Russel's papers but all agree they were for a short time.

27. I visited Miss Hunnewell who is exhibited in this town as an example of uncommon attainments, in her imperfect form. She has only the first joints of both arms & one foot with three toes & in my presence wrought at embroidery, entering the needle with her toes & receiving it by the mouth, & putting the thread into her needle by her mouth & toes. She cut papers into various fancy forms, using her scissors with her mouth & the short stump of her arm & she wrote a good letter with her toes. Some pious verses she composed were exhibited in needle work wrought by herself. She is about 17 years of age and is attended by her mother from New York. Her head is well formed, her look intelligent, &

her understanding clear, & her conversation & accent very pleasing & inspiring respect.

28. Capt. Reynier & Lieut. Welch & Dr. Bastow from the fort dined with me. Mr. Story, our Member in Congress, went late & has returned to Salem. The political character of this man is very doubtful among us.

29. Sunday. Note. Margaret Young, aged & infirm. We have had repeated concerts in this town. That of Sacred Music under Mr. Holyoke was in the Tabernacle in the week before last. The Messiah was attempted & some encouragement given to that friend of Church Music. Last week a Concert of Music was attempted in the Museum of the East India society. The expences paid by the society & the tickets sold for the benefit of the poor, amounting to a sum exceeding 500 dollars. Mr. Gray for a month past has supplied several barrels of flour for the poor & a soup house is opened by subscription & several charitable contributions have been made in private associations for the poor, so that it may be said the poor never were better fed in their lives. The singular history of the Sect called Hopkinsian seems now to have reached a point from which we can conjecture their resources & their designs. Dr. Dwight early appeared in Connecticut against the present administration. Dr. Emmons of Franklin followed him in his Jeroboam, & Morse echoed near Boston. The present posture of our affairs discovers the progress of influence. Dr. Eckley appears in Boston, Spring in Newbury, & the exile from Fitchburg, who was expelled for his violence, Worcester of Salem, dared last Sunday to compare the friends of the administration to Ahab's lying prophets. Such is the combination & to complete the plan, the new college at Andover is to give a public stamp to all who are to be promoted as friendly to their interest, & this party in the Church are attempting to ride into power upon the shoulders of the Opposition to the Government in Massachusetts. The facts are so evident, distinct & conclusive that even the Opposition in Boston are alarmed, as they wish no religious establishment at present which is an enemy to religious moderation. The success of the review of the Andover labour proves this fact as to the better informed citizens of the denominated Federal party. The very indifferent parts of the State which follow their leaders are of no consequence but as they prove the fact of Hopkinsian influence. Good old Mr. Allen of Pittsfield, has favours still in the old way as public notice is given of the time to draw wood as a present to the minister.

30. Our Government has despatched two Vessels to Europe. We are full of alarms as everything is done that can be done to excite, to irritate & convulse the public mind. Counties against counties & towns against towns. Boston has been violent, Newburyport outrageous, Gloucester ridiculous. Every Club in the

choice of its members consults, even in an association against fire, whether they will oppose the government, & the pulpit has become more insolent than at any former time. The Legislature is in session & we wait for their mad resolutions. About nine o'clock in the morning began a N. E. snow storm which continued till nine at Night. The snow fell at an unusual depth but [as] we had no lawful commerce we were not distressed upon account of our seamen.

31. The Soup house & other charities are in operation & they open a new scene in Salem. An abundance of anecdote has been furnished. One will not take an outside loaf & another will not take a cold one. One had rather have turkey & another insists they ought to find a tin kettle for the poor to carry the soup home in. The young seamen, mates & captains are the sufferers, the poor are fed to surfeiting & would be glad of an eternal embargo on their labour if they could be better fed for nothing.

February 1 [1809]. A Col. Archer in Salem, promoted by a party he cannot serve, was exposed for an attempt to quarrel with the Embargo Laws. The Col. broke his promise with the Collector & deemed it heroism in his cause & to clear himself obtained, after he was laughed at, a Certificate of his folly in which all the charges against were confirmed. Such are beggars on horseback. Men who would be something & are nothing. Such are the men put forward to excite sedition in our country.

2. Col. Pickman kindly procured for me some numbers of the paper published by John Rogers in Salem, at Ez. Russel's office, & which Mr. Thomas quotes as the American Gazette or the Constitutional Journal in 1776.

4. The Enforcing Embargo law tho' patiently submitted to in American Councils & in some Capital Cities yet it is much opposed in Cabals & in Boston. Several attempts have been made to create riots & in Newbury Port from ignorance of the Law attempts were made to seize the property of the Collector. No serious opposition has yet been made in Salem. An alarm of Fire in the North. Various opinions obtained but it proved to be of Wenham, & the barns belonging to the Line of Stages in this quarter, not far from the Meeting house.

5. Sunday. An uncommonly Stormy day. The Snow began to fall at midnight & continued incessantly till nine in the evening, tho' in all the various degrees of snow, sleet, hail & rain, chiefly snow, so that the snow lays in huge piles in our streets. The wind from S. E. passed at night to N. E.. We omitted the Communion for the first time. Had only 3 females upon the floor in the morning and but one in the afternoon. Our good girls of the Singing Seat generally attended. A very thin house. S. Osgood ordained last Month at Springfield east. He has been lately a Candidate at Andover north, & had a call at that place. The Wife of

Dr. Lathrop, my old pastor, was buried at Boston last week. An amiable Woman, D[augther] of the late Revd. Mr. Checkley of the Old North Ch. Boston, & gr[and] d[augther] of Revd. Mr. Weld of New North, Boston, æt. 59. Their eldest Son is in India. A man of abilities but excentric, bred to the law & now an editor of a paper in Calcutta. Several of the Clergy in Boston honoured the Spanish feast with their company. This entertainment was continued & provided by the opposition to our own Government.

6. We have important state papers. The answers to the Gov., the report on Commercial measures, & the address to State Legislature. Appearances are that the Embargo will yield. The Opposition has become so strong that it is not to be believed that they will be content with a very limited influence. If they succeed in one measure they will dare to go for the whole, whatever consequences may follow. We have an uncommon quantity of snow on the ground, travelling difficult. The Sum collected at the Museum was given to young Masters & Mates. It is said a thousand have applied at the Soup house. A Subscription is out for more bread so that in addition to Mr. Gray's loaves, a loaf may be given every day in the week. Charity was never more active in Salem.

7. At home the Political party is rising to fury & an Opposition is powerful in the Northern States ag. the Embargo, or rather a strong English party is formed. The Southern states grow more strong as we become more opposed & we have much to fear from some desperate men in the northern states. The reply of Pinckney, our M[inister] in Eng[land], has seasonably relieved upon the circulation of Canning's letter surreptitiously obtained. The English party stop at nothing. We have in the southern states many proofs of military ardour & of military attachment to the Gen. Government. The Military Laws have been amended in most of the states.

9. This evening with H. H[odges]; I attended Mr. [Samuel] Holyoke's Concert in the Baptist Meeting, Marlborough street. This Mr. H. has done more for Psalmody than any man of the present generation & has been poorly rewarded. He lately had a Concert in the Tabernacle which was poorly attended. His price this evening for the best seats 25 cents. The Company was far from being large, or well informed, chiefly young. Besides a few performances on the Instruments to keep time, the Bill announced the following compositions, Old Hundred, Champlain, Finale & the Grand Alleluia Chorus of Handel. The treble was feeble without a commanding voice. The Echo of Champlain was ill composed, the finale had not expression enough. In the Chorus some began to feel. As a Work of Genius it had not high Claims, but comparatively it was excellent & did honour to the exertions of the Master.

10. In Congress, the repeal of the Embargo Laws is contemplated. The Boston party through their Agent Quincy in the house has attempted to make a commotion from the resignation of Gen. Lincoln to whose old age the nation has been too indulgent & of whom the enemy said, "Queer Generals." And Pickering has been busy in the Senate to impeach Gen. Dearborn, as Quincy had done the president. Nothing can exceed the effrontery of the party called the Essex Junto. In New York we have had some brave displays of military ardour & several companies have bound themselves to see the execution of the Embargo laws. In Georgia, a Grand Jury dared to criminate the language of the Judges which seemed unfriendly to the Embargo laws, but the Judge has denied any such intention. In Massachusetts, the Opposition deserved the worst epithets. The Answer to the Governor, the report on the resolutions favourable to the Gen. Government, & the circulating address discover the last daring efforts of a distracted party prepared for every sacrifice. New Hampshire makes every soldier a voter, & residents 2 years in U. S. A. This the true spirit of Elections.

11. The Marblehead votes 6 Jan., in the true spirit of our Revolution & an excellent counterpart to the violence of Boston & Newbury. Salem Republicans did in the same day worthily & appeared in full strength. In Ipswich, the majority imitated the Boston people & Newburyport people.

12. Sunday. Note. Deborah Cain,* d. of her husband, in the Charity House. An uncommon quantity of Snow upon the ground which has made this day, which is clear, the coldest of the season. The Glass within doors to 10 plus. Our Legislature have appointed next Thursday for a Fast to be observed by the Members of both houses, & the Sermon from the Chaplain. Is this to smite with the fist of wickedness or to break every yoke. It is a serious alarm that some bold stroke is to be made. Dana, the minister of Ipswich, headed the opposition party at a late meeting & they succeeded 141 to 73. The ordination at Chebacco last month, 23 Jan., was of Thomas Holt where Cleveland, Pickering & Porter had been & from which Webster lately removed to Hampton, N. H. In Newburyport, John Peak was ordained in the Baptist meeting 7 Feb. This place, by the violence of political prejudice, has provided for an entire revolution in its religious interests. The Baptist general meeting of Correspondence in Virginia addressed the President on October last & received an answer assuring them of his sincere attachment to religious liberty. This will be construed as against such religion as the State ought to maintain. The change of manners in our Order of the Church becomes every day more visible. An organ has been presented to the Congregational Church at Pittsfield under

*Kain, from Scotland.

the pastoral care of the good republican Mr. Allen, by a Mr. Shearer. Organs are now used in our principal towns & in several towns in the County, perhaps as many as 12 in this state in Congregational Churches. 3 in Boston, 2 in Salem, 1 in Newbury Port. The memory of the Good is precious & their posterity cannot be forgotten. In Johnson, R. I., died lately, Peleg Williams Esq., aged 91 years. He was g. grandson of the Immortal Roger Williams, the founder of the Colony, now state of Rhode Island, & who for several years was minister of Salem from which he was driven by political jealousy & the strength of party in Boston. The late deceased was for several years a member of the Legislature of Rhode Island.

14. A Letter to P[resident] Jefferson respecting Major [John] Saunders whom our citizens recommend for Military promotion. I informed him he was my pupil at Camb. grad. in 1781. Was Lieut. under Capt. Abbot in Salem Cadet Company in 1787, & afterwards commander. That he assisted to discipline the Light Infantry in 1806 & then resigned & had a very high reputation as a Disciplinarian. I said much in his favour & could sincerely pronounce him a man of the best hopes in this quarter. Mr. Gray & Capt. White headed the petition & Capt. Crowninshield, but I feel myself a stranger to the history of this proposition. I took the liberty of full acknowledgments for the respect Mr. J[efferson] had paid my pupils.

15. I took H. H[odges] & went to Marblehead. The snow is deep & the drifts have made the travelling unpleasant & often unsafe. I was to dine with a Mr. Eaton, who with his family received us very civilly. I visited Mr. W. B. Martin's family & Mr. Wilson the Collector, & spent the remainder of my time with Revd. Mr. Bowers of St. Michaels. In the evening I returned without anything memorable beyond the hospitality I received. My old friend Ashley Bowen tells me that he passed his eightieth year last January. His memory is still good, his step firm & his passions strong. He still talks of Gov. Pownal & his old commissions & services, his comrades & his plans & draughts. He told me one of the name had been at Marblehead in a very beggerly way, alluding to Bowen of the Museum, asking his charity & that he gave him the tree of the Bowen family drawn by my pupil. I left in his pile, one of the hand bills which passed in Pownal's time. Mr. Wilson's family may be reckoned among the most agreeable in the place. The Quaker manners of Mrs. Martin, softened by her good sense & rich domestic virtues, add charms to her countenance & her services which enrich her hospitality & bless her friends. The virulence of the Gazette of this town has been employed upon Mr. Gray the most eminent merchant of his country. The boundless aid he has given to young men in their business, his great charity at the present exigencies of our affairs

& his rich private virtues cannot save him from the insolence of the wretches who are now partaking of his bounty. Yet he perseveres as if nothing had happened. He concurs in every plan of public relief without any notice of the follies of his enemies. His late purchase in Boston gives us reason to fear that Mr. Gray with his millions which feed us, will withdraw from our ingratitude. He has bought the late Gov. Sullivan's house in Boston.

19. Sunday. Another stormy day & bad walking & four houses of worship were shut in Salem on account of the weather. Thin congregation. The practice of Itineracy has become so common that the vilest wretches maintain themselves by Itinerant preaching. A person who signs his name at Lexington, Kentucky, has exposed one Dr. Allen for frauds & declares that he fled from Georgia under the charge of murder & other enormities. Mr. Giles of Newbury Port, complains of the persecution he suffers from the Federalists from his sincere attachment to the administration of the Government of the United States. He says fifty families have left him & only six have joined him. I love his republican firmness but perhaps might not admire Scotch Divinity. Mr. Gray of this town who is reckoned in estate at 3 millions of Dollars, has such incessant persecution that he meditates a retreat from Salem, in which he is excluded from all his former associations. Clergy & laity have attempted to knock their thick heads against him. Dr. John Bernard's Sermon on the death of Abiel Abbot, A. B. 1759, whose Father & G. Fathers were deacons of South Andover Church. Mr. Phillips of S. Andover connects a preface & notes. From these we learn that he thought highly of Revd. Thomas Bernard with whom he lived in the same town & who died Oct. 13, 1718, æt. 62. His son John succeeded him.

20. Visitation of the Schools. As many of the Committee were gone to Topsfield in Convention, only three of us did the duties of the day. We found nothing unworthy of the former Character of the Schools. In Northfields, Master Dodge had 75 pupils, at West end, Mr. Hacker 101. Mr. Gray in the Center & Mr. Lang at the east end about 80 each. In the Grammar School under Mr. Parker we found 24 children, without one Greek Scholar. At the East Woman's school we found 50 small children, clean, quiet, & pleasant & some young readers. We had not time to visit the other Women's Schools for small children. We saw above 400 children provided for by the Town in good Schools. Mr. Hacker has been in the West School ever since 1785 when the School opened.

21. The Convention of Topsfield by the friends of the General Government was numerous. Three hundred attended & they promise the Gov. the aid of 5 thousand, if needed. They are not halfway folks. The bold language of the New Majority has em-

boldened them to reply & they pronounce with great asperity against the present leaders in Massachusetts. The republicans would not be deficient in strength. An address to President Jefferson has been sent from this Convention. Without lawyers or any order of men this body spoke their own sentiments in their own words without equivocation or mental reservation of any sort. As they feel they will act.

22. In all New England the cold has been severe this & the preceeding month & snow uncommon.

23. The device upon Hall's Essex Gazette before the war was a Dove with an Olive branch supported by two Indians with winged battle axes & a dog upon an half cleared field, surmounted by a fish. The fire of New Bedford in which the two Barns were burnt on [the] morning of 14 instant, was distinctly seen by the revenue Cutter at Anchor off Salem at Juniper point. The watch called the Officer who saw it over Naugus Head & supposed it to be in Marblehead. It was seen distinctly for some time & at considerable altitude. The distance, about 40 miles in a right line. The wind was S. W. at night but cloudy at sun rise. No doubt of the fact. The fire was seen after midnight.

24. The Federalists in Salem had a Caucus upon Town Officers. It was proposed among them to chuse the Town Clerk & the Town Treasurer by ballot it having been usual to chuse all the Town Officers, excepting Selectmen by hand vote. We are told that John Pickering, son of the noted Timothy, & Jonathan Hodges, are the candidates. Pickering for Town Clerk & Hodges for Treasurer. The paralytic affections of Mr. Watson disposing him to resign his trust as treasurer, & John Punchard being odious for his politics. All the officers are to be changed to suit these friends of opposition. This caucus of Thursday last is in good season. One of the acts employed by party was to insinuate that the democratic charities were charges to be taken out hereafter in labour as book debts.

25. Elizabeth Gaines, who is to be buried this day, was the widow of Mr. Josiah Gaines, who was Ropemaker in the Rope-walk formerly in English street. He was a man remarkable for his hospitality & good temper & a man of good habits, but sorely troubled with the gout. He died, æt. 76, in 1796, & left his widow who deceased at 83 years. She was a Hamatt of Boston, a woman who had many friends from her humanity & hospitality. In the latter part of her life she was much broken, but her infirmities made her bountiful even in her wants, & discovered her native propensities. In her husband's day they lived with great hospitality which left little for old age. But the friends of their prosperity never forsook them, & considering her great infirmities from derangement discovered a patience & perseverance truly exemplary. She had good care & board till the last mo-

ment. Stephen Goodhue, who died in Salem on Thursday last, was an elder brother of Benjamin G. who has been a member of the Senate of U. S. & is now living in Salem. He joined the Friends called Quakers before the revolution & has continued with them till the close of life, tho' I believe not admitted fully. He was a man of strong mind & prejudices. He served Salem in many useful town offices & was respected by all with whom he chose to be conversant. He kept the rigid manners of the sect he joined. A Daughter of the late eminent merchant who gave reputation to the name of Pickman in Salem, named Love, & who married Col. Frye, who left this country at the revolution & is now in England, was buried this week. A Woman remarkable for the excentricities of her life, æt. 77.

26. Sunday. Note. Margaret Young, æt. 90 expecting dissolution. This woman must have passed 90 years. Her name was Margaret Abbot & her father & Grand father lived upon the neck on the north side of what has been called Abbot's Cove below the Causeway leading to Winter Island. She was received to adult Baptism in the East Church in Feb. 12, 1737, in the first year of Mr. Diman's ministry, on 11 Feb., 1738 in full Communion. On 25 Jan. 1743 she married Joseph Silsby & after his decease was married Feb. 15, 1770 to John Young as his second wife. She has left no children & is John Young's widow. Her sister died 11 years ago, Dec. 5, 1797, above 92 years of age. From these facts I expected to fix her age. With these documents in my hand I visited the Wid. Townsend, formerly wife of the son of her Sister Renough & who had the care of her sister many years. Mrs. T. told me her sister Renough was 13 years older than M. Young & was born in 1705. That M. Young was born Nov., 1718, the same year in which the East Meeting House was built, so that Margaret Young was 90 years of age last November. This an example of a long lived family as the G. father was among the first settlers & this but the third Generation from the beginning. As they were never baptised or on the Church book & were unquestionably in the settlement early, no doubt some religious prejudices existed. Notice given that Horace Holley is to be installed in Hollis Street Church, Boston, on 8 March. He was of Connecticut & preached lately at Marblehead. Dr. Eckley is to preach the ordination sermon by appointment.

26. The Convention at Topsfield noticing the treatment which Republican ministers received & particularly the case of Mr. John Giles of Newburyport, whose case was laid before them as a melancholy proof of the violence of Federal persecution, announced their determination to give all their public friends their most generous support. This declaration will be useful.

27. This day we visited the Women's Schools for small & poor children. In the East end we may say they have the best wom-

an's school & the worst man's school & nobody will contradict us. In the south part of the town the woman had about 30 & says she has belonging to her School above 50 children. In the School for blacks in the same part of the town we found about 20 & we were pleased that anything could be done for this species of rational beings. In the west we found only 10 scholars but not as small number of pretentions. The Centre School in Church street had been dismissed before we reached it. The plea for the small numbers present was from the severity of winter & the poverty of the times which pressed upon the people. We found no such plea in the East School & the woman's school was full.

28. The frequent amusement of this winter has been the Circus or feats of Horsemanship. A Circus was erected on Broadway & the exercises have been continued almost weekly. They have had encouragement, particularly since the troop of Horse has been introduced into Salem. Our young folks make an Evening entertainment from it.

March 3 [1809]. I find the result of four observations a day at sunrise, noon & 3 & 10 P. M. gave the same mean of 52 degrees Fahrenheit as the mean of the two preceeding years.

4. This is the day of Inauguration of our New President, James Madison. Great preparations were making in many places to celebrate it. We hear from Boston, Dorchester, Watertown, by the invitations. We shall hear of many after the day has passed. In Salem, the friends of the Administration displayed their colours & Morning & evening & Noon guns were discharged. At the Fort, guns were discharged in the morning, but it was ill provided. A party dined at Ward's in Southfields on the Hill, Salem side of Forest river. I invited Capt. Ranie of the U. S. Fort & Lieut. Welch to dine with me & took with them Capt. Ward who commanded Salem Volunteers in the revolutionary war. Dr. Bastow of the town, surgeon of the troops, was of our party. We had a handsome dinner from Mrs. Crowninshield & spent the day very happily together.

5. Sunday. Not a note for good old Margaret Young. She left no children & her friends supplied her wants & carried her to her grave. From a Salem paper I find that Revd. John Chipman who lived so long in Beverly & died æt. 85, on 23 March 1775, was born in Barnstable & ordained in 1715. He had all the authority of a Bishop tho' his controversy with Revd. Balch of Bradford will not exhibit his powers to advantage. I knew him when young at My G. Father's. Revd. S. Chandler of Gloucester, Cape Ann town, died about the same time, æt. 62, & in 24 year of his ministry. He wrote ag. Murray, Universalist, a remonstrance. I knew his Son at Cambridge.

7. We received information of the partial repeal of the Embargo. News of the Non-intercourse law after June, & of the



REV. JOHN CHIPMAN, 1691 - 1775
Minister of the Second Church, Beverly.

repeal of the Non Importation, at the 15 of March, at the end of the Embargo. The result of this measure is by no means clear in the minds of the people but public discontents had been excited so powerfully that a Republican government must meet these worst exigencies of State. Every art to evade, push, & enjoy is now conceived, prepared, & ready.

8. Capt. Joseph White, in consequence of the Sermon last Sunday about the Meeting House, came generously forward & offered a subscription of 500 D. and such other aid as circumstances might require. Messieurs Crowninshield have offered a like sum & Capt. Prince has obtained by subscription 1800 D. for the repairs of the House. Some persons have done generously, some hold back or subscribe pittances from great wealth, & others under various pleas, tho' wealthy, absolutely refuse any assistance.

10. Put into my hands by M. Watson, a weather glass about one foot in length & not an inch diameter, with written direction. 1. Fine, liquid clear. 2. Changeable, substance rising, liquid clear, form star in motion. 3. Wind or storm, substance partly at top, in form of a leaf, liquid disturbed. Notice of this 24 hours before the weather changes. 4. In Winter, substance higher, particularly in snow & white frost. Composition white with white spots in motion. 5. Summer, hot & fine, substance quite low. 6. Course of wind, substance on the opposite side. Mr. W. knows not the inventor or the reputation.

11. Caucuses this evening. General caucusses seem to have lost their reputation & have yielded to ward & other subdivisions. In this way conversation is personal & the disposition of the citizens is known. In general assemblies men are found from curiosity & without a knowledge of the strength of parties. In some of these private assemblies known partizans & bold intruders have been refused without ceremony. The labour has been great. We have the speech from our New President, James Madison. He has made a good profession of his political purposes. We do not call them of his faith, for we trust in his Good works. Our long experience strengthens our faith in him. A Military ardour is kindling in the States. We find just notice taken of Mr. W. Gray the eminent Merchant of Salem who has very generously defended the public measures. Posterity will hardly believe the insults this peaceable man has received from the desperate party which is rising in this Commonwealth.

12. Sunday. Notes. Anna Phippen & Children, d. of her Husband Nath. Phippen. Joseph Phippen 2d & wife, d. of his Brother N. Phippen. George Hodges & wife, d. of her Brother Phippen. Benjamin Babbidge & wife, d. of her Brother Phippen. Mary Foot, aged & infirm. The hopes of repairing the Meeting House rise again & are generously encouraged. And yet tho' above 18 hundred dollars have been subscribed, they who will not

pay anything & they who cannot, are not contented. The love of money is so predominant with some, & the mean jealousies of others. We hope for success, but have been too often disappointed to put much confidence in any men. Notice is taken of the death of Prince Rand, an African in our Charlestown. The features agree with the Ethiopian as distinguished from the Nubian, & his being taught to read & write when young, or his seeing it done, will agree with the Abyssinian race. We are told that Mr. Jones of the Free Wills in English street, moved into Salem last week & Mr. Turner of the Universalists came last week & their house is now finishing. Mr. Bolles of the Baptists is still sick but his pulpit is supplied.

13. Our Annual Town Meeting. The Opposition got secret possession of the House & preoccupied the seats & then proposed ballots instead of hand votes, an innovation in our customs for which we were not prepared. Mr. Gray was our Moderator, & the competition for town Clerk was between John Punchard, our present officer, & John Pickering, son of the Senator who has been known by the name of Col. Timothy P. Punchard had 770. Pickering 713. scattering 11. We were not so happy in our Selectmen. The Republicans broke their ticket & lost all but two of their Candidates. Four obtained, Moses Townsend, & Joseph Ropes, Republican, & two federalists.* The fifth is to be chosen on Wednesday. The Opposition had proud hopes of complete success. Joseph Winn is the Candidate for the next meeting.

14. We noticed on the 8th instant that Captain Joseph White began a subscription for the repairs of the Meeting House. The following is the state of the Subscription. The paper runs—We the Subscribers do agree to pay the sums subscribed by us for the purpose of putting a roof to & other misc. repairing the East Meeting House.

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| Joseph White, | 500 | T. Welman, | 30 |
| Joshua Dodge, | 40 | Wid. M. Rantoul, | 10 |
| Wid. Eunice Richardson, .. | 30 | Lane & Son, | 20 |
| Jo. Knapp, | 20 | J. M. Fairfield, | 10 |
| S. Ropes, | 20 | N. Silsbee, | 50 |
| Wid. M. Silsbee, | 20 | Jo. Vincent, | 40 |
| John Becket, | 10 | M. Townsend, | 40 |
| James Chever, | 20 | B. Babbidge, | 25 |
| J. Babbidge, | 30 | Jona. Archer, | 30 |
| Wid. S. Ingersoll, | 10 | Tim. Welman, | 10 |
| St. White, | 20 | George Hodges, | 20 |
| Wid. M. Palfray, | 10 | W. Fairfield, | 15 |
| S. Leach, | 10 | James Brown, | 10 |

*Samuel Ropes and Edward Allen.

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| G. Crowninshield & Sons, .500 | Jo. Dalrymple, 10 |
| W. Manning, 40 | Edw. Stanley, 10 |
| Wid. H. Hodges, 30 | W. Silsbee, 15 |
| R. Stone, 50 | Jona. Andrew, 10 |
| Edw. Allen, 50 | Wid. Ab. Gibaut, 10 |
| Penn Townsend, 10 | Ab. Berry, 10 |
| G. H. Ward, 10 | B. Hawkes, 10 |
| D. Sage, 15 | H. Prince, 20 |
| Jo. Waters, 20 | |

Giving at the present date 1870 Dollars.

The Committee met this evening at my House. To call a parish meeting was for the present overruled. A Special Committee was appointed consisting of Capt. M. Townsend, S. Ropes, & Jona. Andrew to take aid in examining the House & to receive proposals. I objected to a parish meeting because I thought the Proprietors' Committee authorized to proceed from their Character, as the money was raised by subscription, & because I wished it not to be a business of the incorporation because some of the proprietors would refuse assessments & create trouble & now everything would be done in peace, & because I clearly discerned that private prejudices were strong & were ready to burst upon those who refused their assistance when very able to give it from their known wealth, but who refused from avarice & would take advantage of the zeal of others in all classes whatever. I have no idea of the power of avarice beyond what I have actually seen.

15. This day the town was assembled again to proceed in the choice of the town Officers. The disappointments of the Republicans on Monday brought them out this day with a new candidate for the office of Selectmen. Joseph Winn, a man of fierce reputation, & the republicans succeeded with a clear majority, now having gained every officer balloted for excepting two Selectmen, leaving a majority in that board of Republicans. The republican members are now M. Townsend, Jo. Ropes, Jo. Winn, J. Punchard, Town Clerk, Joshua Dodge, Treasurer, J. Henfield, B. Ward, Ja. Odell, Assessors. Everything without tumult. My Brother Fowle informs me of the d. of his Eldest Daughter Elizabeth. She died of a Nervous fever after a fortnight's illness.

17. This day was buried Mr. Joseph Henfield for many years an Assessor in the town. On the day on which he died amidst all the violent conflict of passions, he received the votes of all the Inhabitants, exceeding 1500. An ample testimony of the public favour. In the younger part of life he was excentric. He had resolution to resist the worst habits, & above 40 years was an example of every thing valuable in a good Citizen. I

found great assistance from him in obtaining the events of his time which he carefully noted as well as all uncommon changes in the climate & weather in a series of almanacs which he had preserved. He was a fair accountant of good judgment of men & business, & of an honest mind. He married late in life, & a widow with a family of children & added to the number. He lived in competence & died in the best reputation of a good Citizen & useful man. Buried this day Elizabeth Waters, æt. 27, d. of my old friend Capt. John Becket. She married a worthless young man of whom the world had good hopes & who had ample means of being happy. A Separation by the consent of all the friends on both sides ensued & he withdrew from the town. She lingered in consumption & died. Her form was excellent, her wit pure & inexhaustible. Her disposition kind & her temper always at command. All were her friends & no circumstances of life procured an enemy, a frown, or a fear. She was as firm in death. On her pillow I proposed that she should be a member of the Church to which her good mother belonged. It was unexpected. She sent me word by her mother that she could not think of offering her name when she would never give her presence. She could not return to life but should honour God in calm duty & live worthy of a hope, which in health she had expressed.

19. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Sarah Becket & children, d. of their Sister Elizabeth. Edward Stanley & wife, death of his Sister in law Elizabeth Waters.

21. Yesterday was the third meeting of the Town for the choice of Town Officers. Many debates arose about polling, balloting, & voting, till at length the Republicans, finding their superiour strength, elected their own friends into all the remaining offices without the choice of one person from the opposition upon their new nomination. The other business is adjourned till the May meeting. This day died Elizabeth Philpot, maiden. She belongs to the primitive settlers & had maintained her self in reputation, while the dress was in fashion, by making stays for women. She was troubled with a Cancer in the face which extended itself & destroyed her in her 88 year. She was baptised in East Meeting House, 16 July 1721. She lived long with a Sister, a Widow, & they were extremely deaf. Inoffensive in their manners. Anna joined the Church in 1742. They were both of very industrious & very temperate habits & much at home & respected. Eliz. joined Leavitt's Church, i. e., the Tabernacle].

22. Died Capt. B[enjamin] West, Master of the Marine Society, æt. 70. His age had given him that place. His caution had secured him competence, & his simplicity & sincerity, confidence without envy. His office had no important duties connected with it which his powers could not reach. He was a man

of inoffensive mind & not undervalued in the Town. It seems that Eliz. Philpot & Anne left Leavitt & returned to Mr. Diman from a difference in the Church with Deacon Pickering, who, like his son Tim, was eternally in broils of Church or State.

23. Went to Boston & heard Mr. Cary of the Chapel for his first time at the Thursday Lecture. Such a novel sight had drawn together men of very different opinions. He discoursed on Judging one another.

24. Yesterday died Mary [wife of Pasca] Foot. She was a Mascoll. What is remarkable is that she is the fourth female who has died in our society above 80 years of age. The mean of their ages is 86. They all were temperate & sober women & died with good reputation. Four females were living lately who had been members of the Church above 70 years each.

26. Sunday. Notes. G. Southward, wife & Ch. d. of her Mother Foot, Son at sea. James Clearage & wife & children, d. of her Mother Foot. He sick. Son at sea. Mercy Wellman, d. of her Sister Foot, both Mascolls. Hannah Mascoll, d. of her sister in law Foot. From 1785 to date 908 deaths; ab[ove] 70, 46; ab[ove] 80, 35; ab[ove] 90, 7; ab[ove] 100, 3. From conversation with a candid minister of Boston I am informed that the overflowing of the Old South is a pretence. That a number of persons have purchased the site of the Old Granary at a heavy price & intend to erect a Meeting House for Kollock & Griffith. That these two men disclaim the Boston Association to which Mr. Eckely of the Old South adheres & therefore refuses to assist in the new Meeting House. That this has occasioned remarks in the Palladium, a paper of Boston, & that Mr. Eckley's friends are jealous of the consequences to their own society. The intended preachers have pulpit talents & are of the Scotch Cast & at times vociferous. When I heard Kollock I preferred his manner to his matter.

29. President Adams' Letter in which he condemns all attempts to dissolve the Union, make war on France, or to prevent a just defence of our Country, has brought many an invective against him. The Federal prints are full but the firm old man does not fear. Were the letter left to do its proper office it would be powerful in New England. But the common charges are produced that he is indeed superannuated & imposed upon by the acts of his enemies. This letter will be an honour to his patriotism with the friends of our Country.

30. The account of the Dead Body under Christ's Church, Boston, discovered in 1808, is, that they were digging for tombs and at six feet depth found a coffin of hard pitch pine, called Norway pine, containing another of the same wood. The body wrapped in a tarred sheet. The flesh was found to be hard. The sprigs of box on the outside of the sheet, green. Letters J. T.

on the Grave stone. John Thomas of Barbadoes, æt. 45, died June 25 A. D. 1726. The soil under the porch yellow clay with small stones & some gravel. The writer in the Anthology thinks the bowels might have been taken out. But they were not taken from Mr. Whitefield who was in high preservation & in a much more exposed situation in the tomb near the surface & opened for frequent visits. The body at Boston was interred again & buried in S.E. corner of the Church. I impute the preservation to the dry substance in contact with the skin which prevents the putrifaction externally.

31. Last Tuesday was buried from Nahant, my old friend Nehemiah Breed, above seventy years of age. In former days his father lived on this Head & was known by the name of Governour from his property & command here. It was from remote time the resort of fishermen, invalids & in the proper season, of parties of pleasure from the neighbourhood. I have frequented it yearly about 25 years & always found a home at Mrs. Breed's. At first the entertainment was free, but the many youth from Boston occasioned several years ago some complaints & Mr. Breed refused to keep a public house & friend Wood* opened one opposite to him. Then a Hotel was built upon the western head & burnt down & then rebuilt. There were only three houses upon Nahant when I first knew it, Breed's, Woods,* & Johnsons. Now there are six. I always found the Old Sire hospitable & indulgent, & his Son William, who succeeds him & is his only child, is of a good temper & has a lovely family with all the simple manners of the Quakers.

April 1 [1809]. Last night died Elizabeth W. of Arch[elaus] Rhea & eldest d. of my late friend Jonathan Mason, æt. 29, after delivery.

2. In the Militia Bill drafted in the last House by Federalists, so called, it is provided that every Quaker & Shaker taking the usual oaths of exemption shall pay six dollars & produce a certificate to the Officers of the Company. This Bill was opposed in the Senate by Friend Hussey & by W. Gray, & by the Friends in the house & is laid over till next session. We shall sail fast under our new helmsmen if they keep the command.

3. Was our State Election of Governours & Senators and in Salem the friends of Mr. Lincoln succeeded beyond their own expectations. We had never obtained above 15 majority and at one a majority of 133 appeared. Our friends were unable to account for and the opposition could not persuade themselves that it could be true, as their zeal in the choice of town officers was employed from a wish for greater influence in the public elections & they had gained two Selectmen. One Republican said that one hundred had been gained by Strategem, by suffering such

*Hood.

as could not be vouched for to be put on the list by the opposition, & to let their zeal betray their cause. It was printed & published that the list was not checked, but the number did not exceed the checks at receiving the votes.

6. The foul weather & the numerous calls for Charity have contributed to lessen the sum collected this day which is as low as any since the beginning of this Century, tho' the whole sum collected in Charity was never greater in Salem, for soup houses, wood, bread & for the multiplied wants of the poor.

8. In the United States, the Merchants return to commerce with great avidity & without any question of consequences. Such is the lamentable thirst of gain that we can hope for no honour, or right, or quiet in attempting to check it. The Military reports from the southern states are favourable. Wishes for Turn-pikes increase.

9. Sunday. Notes. Mary Mason, d. of her D. in Law Eliz. Rhea, wife of Archelaus, æt. 29. John Byrne & wife, d. of her Father Webster, Kingston, N. H. æt. 58. All his 12 children survive him. The deserved freedom with which our Gov. Lincoln has treated in his Farmer's Letters the Clergy for their influence upon the public affairs, has induced them to make their utmost exertions against him in the late elections. In Newbury Port they put the principal Clergymen on their School Committee, taking care to exclude Mr. Giles & such as have not bowed the knee to Baal. We may expect to see more of this work if Gore & his friends are in power.

11. This day dined with me the noted Select* Osborn of Litchfield & lately of Boston, & now Lieut. of the U. S. Cavalry, introduced & accompanied with Capt. Ranier & Lieut. Welsh. He has an agreeable person & has been considered with great enmity by the Opposition. We had no topics of serious conversation. We visited the Museum after dinner & parted.

12. The Committee have received 17 proposals for the repairs of the Meeting House & appear to favour Brown & Company at 1225 D. This is not the lowest offer, but the reputation & industry of the Company have been established by their labours on the finishing of the Brick building at the head of Union street. They are to account for all the things taken from the old House & receive them at the opinion of three competent men. Thus this long contested work appears to be amicably adjusted by exempting from expence the most troublesome tho' not the poorest men in the Association.

13. The Committee to receive proposals respecting repairs on the Meeting House was M. Townsend, S. Ropes & J. Andrews. To fix the Contract & direct the work, M. Townsend, R. Stone & Jo. Archer. Yesterday the Soup house was closed which had

*Shelleck Osborn, journalist and officer in the War of 1812.

been opened for the poor during the Embargo. Also the Committees for distribution of bread, wood & the necessities of life ceased to receive Contributions from the Citizens.

14. Buried a young girl of 18,* a sacrifice to the vanity of an old hypocritical woman, who withheld her Son from pretence of his Minority & sent him away, after visiting the house of the woman several years. And yet this hypocrite with all her family attended the funeral of the young woman who in anguish died in child bed & the Mother of an illegitimate child. This woman is one of the terrible good, whiny sort. The funeral procession was large & deeply interesting to the neighbourhood. The reputation of the deceased is unimpeached & the family in good reputation for industry & good manners, numerous & of good standing in all respects.

15. In no place has political prejudice gone further than in Newbury Port. Unaware of consequences they have been willing to do what the Boston Parsons have dictated. Incapable of defending themselves, they remain open to the censure of all thinking men. Nothing to overawe has been forgotten. Their manner of voting has been a subject of public reprehension. The Ex President Adams has given another letter in which he partially approves the Embargo, approves Arming Vessels, without fear of war with one or both of the belligerents. He does not approve of the Pickering resolutions at Topsfield, and believes the English have done us most harm.

16. Sunday. Notes. Nicholas Lane & wife & Children, d. of his daughter Priscilla. An interesting event. Wid. Mary Hutchinson, d. of her Sister. (with her Children. She sick.) Wid. Sarah Leach, Sister of M. Hutchinson, d. of Sister Martha Kimball, æt. 76. They were Trasks of Beverly & Wenham. W. B. Parker & wife, death of his Father Bradstreet at Bradford, æt. 80, pr. for Br. absent.

17. A child was found near the Channel at Beverly bridge, fastened to a brick. The Jury gave a verdict intentional murder. No suspicion has fixed as yet upon any person. These events are rare but it is believed that our manners become more licentious from the intercourse of the sexes. These events however still excite a deep interest.

19. This day, a Military day, were exhibited two sons of Mr. Weeks of Nottingham Square, N. H., one of 6 & another of 9 years, who performed on the drum & fife with great ease & expression, with the admiration of the Crowds around them. Their innocent countenances & manners joined with the assurances that they were self taught having no masters but judging only by the ear, contributed to serve the public favour. This day we had a military exhibition of an Indian fight. It begun at the

*Priscilla Lane.

North bridge & was finished in the Woods west of Peter's spring. It attracted a great number of spectators & the companies were from Salem & Beverly. As it was 19 April, the day gave greater fame to the arrangements.

20. The Herring called Alewives begin to appear. They evidently follow the season. We have had but few warm days & in these days only a few appeared. Yesterday I visited the brooks but did not see a single fish. All the farmers know how to reckon on the weather & to expect the fish when it is warm. They called this the first appearance & it is the first warm weather.

23. Sunday. Note. Mary Silver, d. of her Child. There was an Ordination last week at Manchester, & they are about to rebuild their Meeting House. In consent in Politics, they have a sufficient share of evil from dissent in everything else. Mr. Spring of Newbury Port, has published his fast Sermons which are intended to reprobate our Government. Dr. Holmes of Cambridge, has published the Sermons on the same occasion. A terrible clamour arises if the Republican Ministers make use of the same opportunity to give circulation to their political opinions or prejudices. I see nothing like the hopes of Philosophy in our Theological Enquiries.

25. We were agreeably surprised this day by the President's Proclamation informing us that the English had revoked their Orders & the Intercourse might be renewed. We had hardly read the news before we heard of the arrival of dispatches from France with similar purposes. The elevation of the public hopes was great as the cause assigned was from the spirit of the Non Intercourse Law which was important. Some persons find it extremely difficult to give our government any share of the praise which belongs to the hopes of the present moment. The people could hardly refrain from public acclamations on the occasion.

27. Yesterday we were amused on the neck by the boys who were imitating the Indian fight of the men who were in the fields last week. It is easier to go down than up. The imitation looked too much like the reality especially when we recollect upon how short notice it was done. Never was party more zealously engaged to dispute their claims to the late measures. But all are not satisfied that the British Trade will not have a Sting in the tail of it. It is certainly for the moment a very popular thing.

30. Sunday. Note. Benj. Dodd & wife & family, d. of Child. This death was occasioned by the Apothecary's selling Laudanum instead of Elixir Salutis. Ordained in April, at Manchester, a Mr. [James] Thurston formerly of New Market. Dr. Buckminster of Portsmouth, preached on the occasion. At Manchester they have lately dismissed Mr. Randall who succeeded Mr. Parish. Mr. Tappan, father of the Professor at Cambridge, succeeded Mr. Chever in his place. Notice is taken of Revd.

Gilman who died lately at North Yarmouth, as he was aged & of good morals & repute, sound in faith. Mr. G. found it easiest to proceed in consistency with prevailing opinions & to spend his zeal in that which kindled zeal whatever were the consequences. His habits were safe but the world will not be much indebted to him. The last Fast gave a good opportunity for the display of political zeal & it was embraced particularly in Essex. Spring of Newburyport, has published a base invective against the Government. And Parish, the Bookmaker, & partner of Morse, without hesitation justified the hopes of a speedy separation of the Northern from the Southern States. It so happened that time enough did not elapse before the President's proclamation gave the lie to all these declarations. But the unblushing friends of these li-bellers & these enemies of peace, would slander Satan if he did not give them free access to the brands of hell.

May 2 [1809]. Day of Military Inspection. A Gun was fired at the Fort for the first time by the regular troops since I have been in Salem. The field pieces of the Artillery are heavier. Our Horse looked well as did the Independent Companies & the Militia has a little more ambition. There were no disorderly or dirty fellows in the ranks. On this day the separate commands gave no opportunity to see the line as the inspection was the annual one of Arms & accoutrements.

3. With me, Gen. Dearborn, Col. Boyd, & Dr. Waterhouse. Gen. Dearborn brought me Nief. Col. Boyd was long in Hindustan & has the language of that Country. Dr. Waterhouse is about to lose the office he held in the Marine Hospital, from male-conduct on making money out of the Republicans with whom he will no longer find favour.

4. Yesterday I was with H. H[odges] & M. W[illiams] at the Spring pond. The fish have not yet freely entered the brooks & the earth has not yet the appearance of spring. A few violets just gave us notice of the approaching season, & a solitary butterfly. Not a generous flower appeared. No trees in blossom. Such uniformly backward weather is uncommon in our climate.

6. Something like the beginning of Summer. We calculate now only for a Canada year of winter & Summer. This day I spent partly on the Neck with few signs of springey weather. Capt. Allen is for the first time attempting a Family Garden & a Garden for the market on the Neck farm. It has hitherto been used as the farms in the neighbourhood for Corn, pasturing, & a few vegetables for the farmer.

7. Sunday. Notes. John Hill & wife, d. of youngest child, pr. for children at sea. Wm. Browne, d. of his g. child Hill, pr. for friends at sea. Deacon Dow of Salisbury, tells me the Rev. [Edmund] Noyes [is] still living in Upper Salisbury, but disabled by a paralysis. They seldom have regular worship. Mr.

[William] Balch the successor of Mr. [Samuel] Webster, has not the reputation of that worthy man. [Samuel] Mead who left Danvers, remains quiet at Amesbury. The ministers in this district have not much intercourse. Mr. [Stephen] Hull of Am[er]sbury, is quite unknown. The violence of the Andover Theological Establishment, & its known opposition to enlightened men in New England will prove that action & reaction will be the same. The love of Biblical Criticism increases & a series of liberal publications are promised to succeed the publication of the Amended Versions of Dr. Newcombe's new Testament. Already one number of Zollikofer's paper on Reformation has appeared. We are promised Lardner's Sermons on the Logos. A Mr. Wells of Boston & Son of an English dissenting minister settled at Brattleborough in Vermont, is very active in this work. In N. E. we too much confine our thoughts to Commercial Speculation. We have a great opportunity to do much for Rational Religion. Gen. Dearborn informs me that President Madison is well read in Theology & that he discovered such an acquaintance with the most eminent authors as he could hardly reconcile with that great attention he had paid to the professional studies in which he had engaged. The Gen. confirmed this opinion by the observations of others who had discovered this spirit of Theological investigation. Whether he had been led to it by the plan of his education or by the influence of his uncle, the present Bishop of Virginia, he was not able to inform me. Dr. Waterhouse thinks that Morse's conduct in the election of a Professor of Divinity in Cambridge & his zeal to patronize the institution at Andover, has cost him the favour of the Clergy who, to use the Dr's own words, spare no opportunity to bespatter him. Whatever credit may be due to W. such is the prevailing Democracy of Charlestown, & such the avarice of Dr. Morse who is now busy with another ed. of his Geography, that we may expect the noise of this troublesome man is much over. In the pulpit his voice was his only excellence, & so many popular preachers have lately appeared at Boston that Morse is quite out of notice. It is not easy to say how opinion balances itself. The young preachers appeared to be sufficiently inclined to Calvinism, but they evidently become less favourable to it. I know no one that pretends to class them. My friends say, we are quite liberal, & even Eckly is determined to maintain the Association of Congregational Ministers.

8. This day all the effects of B. M. a boarder in our house, were attached for debt. This is not an unexpected event as all possible causes concurred in it.

9. Application made for Dr. Barstow. I wrote to Mr. Gallatin & Hill, having assurances of the concurrence of Gen. Dearborn & Col. Lee, Story & others, & signed a pet. to the P[resident] brought by a Mrs. S. said with direction from some of the

above persons, who left it [for] my signature. It was not what I could have wished had I been free for my own choice. This is not an agreeable office especially as it is in some sense seeking a reward of our friends. It is time enough to recommend when our friends ask us unless we are prompted by love of merit & the best services to our Country.

11. Enjoyed a Salmon of 16 lbs. sent me by some friends in Salisbury. I am told I was indebted to S. Nye, Esqr. a Physician, Captain Gee, & Deacon Edward Dorr. Much ridicule is spent upon the Cape Ann Fort at the harbour.* It is said that it fell at the mere concussion upon firing a gun. The Patriot, a paper published in Boston, has left far in the back ground all the federal effusions. Mr. Adams by his publications in it, has contributed to its support very generously. It is read with great avidity & is truly spirited & of superior character.

12. The Weather wet & vegetation late. Scarcely a mess of Dandelions can be obtained in open market. This evening the Caucus recommended 11 Representatives.

13. Weather still lowry. Cape Ann Fort did fall & Capt. Ranie who is in command in this district, supposed by being built in frosty weather but if we may judge from occasional labours here, from the incapacity of the undertakers, as the public was shamefully imposed upon in this quarter. The Capt. tells me we are to have a flag at the fort in Salem, as we now have a few guns mounted for firing. The greater part of the soldiers are in the fort at Marblehead under Lieut. Welsh.

14. Sunday. Note. Israel Ward & wife, d. of youngest child, pr. Brethren absent.

15. At the Town Meeting in Salem the Republican ticket succeeded by 800 ag. 600. Eleven Representatives were chosen. Josh. Ward, Jo. Winn, Jo. Story, B. Crowninshield, M. Townsend, J. Harthorne, 2d, G. S. Johonnot, N. Frothingham, J. Sprague, J. Sprague 2d., W. Cleaveland.

16. A Meeting of the School Committee & some purposes entertained of a more close attention to the interests of this Institution, & consequently a special visit was contemplated & agreed upon for the next day. The Season begins to change for spring & the herring run freely. This week the cows are admitted to the Town Neck pasture which now begins to look green. Capt. Allen for the first time is providing a Garden for the Neck Farm to supply the market. On the Southern side of the house is the pleasure garden arranged & the field is levelled on the north for the Market Garden. The place from which the many tons of rocks were taken by his father on the hill near the house is intended for fruit. Great expences have been allowed to this ungrateful spot from regard to its favourite situation.

*Gloucester.

17. Visited with the Committee, the Eastern School, & it is contemplated to supply an Usher or open another School in the eastern part of the town. We stopped also at the Middle Schools. I went into the Southern part of the town to observe the direction of the new Streets laid out in Pickering's field & the adjacent lands south of Essex & Summer Street.

19. Mr. Prince & Giles with me from Newburyport. In the afternoon I went with the School Committee to Mr. Hacker's west School. Mr. Prince is son of the well known blind Preacher, & Mr. Giles is a minister from Exeter, Eng., settled at Newburyport, & at present under persecution for his politics in his firm adherence to the present measures of our administration. The political storm is for a moment hushed by the revocation of the British Orders & the events which led to it. He has more peace. He is a Calvinist.

20. We had the first Summer's day. We have passed from winter to Summer in the manner of Canada. The effect upon vegetation is astonishing. Last Thursday the Herring passed up the brooks in great Numbers. The afternoon I spent at the Neck farm with H. C[rowninshield], H. H[odges] & M. Chever. A pleasant afternoon. Capt. Allen is now raising a high fence around the spot levelled for his fruit garden.

21. Sunday. Last Sunday the Universal House of Worship was opened for the first time for public worship, & Mr. [Edward] Turner the intended minister officiated. Little is known of the history of this new house or of the arrangements for its establishment. Mr. Gyles of N[ewbury] P[ort] tells me that since the d. of Mr. Cary the Old Church have reduced the salary of Mr. Andrew his Colleague from 12 hundred to a thousand dollars. That while Mr. Cary had his son at College he accepted 300 dollars to assist in his education from the Congregation, but that he has died worth more than 40 thousand dollars. That the people are surprised at the discovery. Several families have left the old Church since Mr. Cary's death. Mr. Giles appears to deal too much in a depreciating Currency of N. P. people. We find by the Gazettes that Jacob Norton has attacked the Universalists & that an answer has been given from the Bereans in Boston, under the direction of Mr. Murray. We have heard of Orthodoxy & Charity, & so great & good a Man as Watts published under the title & pretended to reconcile them. But what a curious experiment it is to amalgamate them by superstition & licentiousness. The love of mankind promoted in a system is a desirable end. But to put the extremes of antinomianism, with the certainty of happiness, is to give superstition all its power to corrupt without hopes of blessing mankind. It is dangerous to argue from any man's theory to his life. But if superstition takes away fear of evil, & confounds the notions of personal virtue as essential to

character, it does all theory can do, to deprave the understanding & corrupt the heart. It is very happy for our world then in the moral concerns of it sympathy has more to do, than reflection, and that sympathy can make us act right from habit, in defiance of all our doctrines. The Baptist Itinerant who disturbed the Singers at the Brick Baptist Meeting a few Sundays since, was the man who is offered as a Teacher to youth and some of our daughters are to be sent into his family. Warned. They were playing & singing to the Bass Viol before service began & were reprimanded.

24. A fishing boat with 2000 lb. of Salmon, passed from Kennebeck, Maine, to New York, in 60 hours. The fish were preserved in ice & in the best state at their arrival.

25. Yesterday afternoon a young apprentice named [Ebenezer] Hobart, screwing* fish with his Master Safford, was killed by the breaking of the beam which with an enormous weight of fish [in the loft above] fell upon him. The master was injured but not dangerously hurt. Mess. Pierce & Waite are building their wharf below planter's marsh on the north side of the entrance to Shallop cove upon Bass river. We are not without hopes of a bridge from planter's marsh to Spring cove, Salem neck.

27. A Vessel above 200 tons launched at Frye's Mills this day. The President's speech reached us. It gave little opportunity for blame. Went round Horse pasture point upon the shore. The Brick kiln at the point not employed. At Orne's point workmen at the brick kiln but the house of Col. [Thomas] Cushing remains unoccupied since his death. One could hardly imagine that such unbroken land lay within 3 miles of Salem. They begin to inclose the land & to clear it, yet little is done to it. This May the road by Felt's from the road leading to New Mills, continued laid out excepting in the Silsbee lot, & a cross road from the road to Orne's point leads to the shore a little beyond the entrance to Horse pasture road & westward of the parallel road by Felt's. No foot paths round Horse pasture point on the shore, but there are from Orne's point to North River Bridge.

28. Sunday. Note. Gamaliel Hodges Ward & Wife, Delivery. Mrs. Ward attended her husband & offered the Child for Baptism in the Congregation. Mr. [James] Thurston, lately settled at Manchester, from New Market, is not a man of a public education but some of the people think he has "unction." Samuel Dana of the first Church in Marblehead, who has appeared to be opposed to the prevailing Republican sentiments of the town, has so far conciliated the people as to induce them to print his fast sermon of April last. What they know of his conversion cannot be discovered from his Sermon. It is the same

*Packing fish—the beam against which the head of the fish screw pressed gave way.

language which the Federalists use to abuse the Republicans. All agree in the same fond picture of our forefathers. Patriotism flatters it. When he speaks of the effect he says he answers with a heavy heart. He first notices divisions, but says not from what cause. Violence of party, but nothing of the excitement. Religion, want of it in prophanity & neglect of religious institutions, but nothing of the cause of this degeneracy. Now if the man be a simpleton, this be well enough, but if it be an endeavour to serve republicans by it there surely is not head nor heart to it. Degeneracy is no proof of hope.

As the foundation of our Eastern Society was laid in confession of sin so it has been held in full obedience to its superiors of the first Church. Altho' we cannot but bear due testimony against the irregular proceedings of some of the said brethren in the management, &c. yet, for peace sake, as they have called a learned pious & orthodox minister, Peter Staunton. Here is room enough to discover with what submission a Dismission was received. Afterwards when the Lecture dispute in the First Church, a MMS. account opposed to the Pastor Mr. Fiske, informs that to induce Mr. Fiske to continue the Lecture, Mr. Staunton & Prescott were induced to assist him till Mr. Fiske gave it up. As the MNS. says "prevailing also with his good brother Staunton by his perpetual repetition of his sentence against the Lecture, which the ingenious & rev. Gentlemen soon after confessed & repented of as his Error." It then adds this was surprising to the people of his Charge, as well as to the people of Mr. Prescott, & says especially to "Mr. Staunton's Church & Congregation who upon this sad & sudden accident, engaged him thence forward to preach Monthly Lecture" till the other should be revived. The truth is Staunton died soon after of a Fever which how far this situation contributed to produce, we may learn from similar instances, particularly that of Br. Hubbard of Marblehead. When Jennison was settled & after his conduct proved him unworthy of his station, Mr. Curwin told, he & others visited him to secure his influence after they knew he was a trifling, vitious man. And Mr. Diman was recommended by them as good enough after the first church had heard him & passed him by. We trust we are too independent to be treated in this manner in the present times, should any of our own times make such attempts upon our liberty.

29. Another Vessel above 200 tons launched at Frye's Mills this day. I was just in time to see the launch, for that is all to see in that narrow river.

30. In digging under a building at the corner of Carleton Street, in Derby street were found the bones of a man about 4 feet deep as the ground was. I did not know of it till the bones were disposed of & have not seen the person who dug them. It

lately was a field upon the Cromwell estate & whether a primitive planter or a native I have not got room to conjecture. It was not far from the shore as it ran at the first settlement & in a cove. Upon enquiry the body found as mentioned above was in a coffin & buried with the head westward in the European manner. No other body was found in the large space of a Cellar so that probably it was some person who might have been drowned on the shore & brought into this field for interment. I have no tradition of this place at present. It was known above half a Century ago, before the Derby street crossed it, as the Bakehouse field, from the Bakehouse standing on Essex street, & it had many Divisions before it was bought by Capt. Carlton, whose heirs sold it to Mr. Dodge the present possessor, who has leased it to Mr. Moody.

31. Being Election day I had an excuse for not going to Boston from the marriage of Mr. Henry Rhust, Merchant of Salem, to whom I hold myself under great obligation from my childhood. I wished to avoid Boston from the character of Osgood of Medford, who was to preach the Election Sermon & who is the firebrand of party. I am told he did not disappoint the zealots of his party who procured his appointment, either in the strength of his invectives or in the virulence of his scandal on the men who have been in our administration. It is however said, that many felt it to be going too far just when party has had a check from public measures. The Sermon however will go abroad to scatter slander & prejudices. It is said Spring has said so much as this. "Had he known what government has done, he should not have preached or published his Fast Sermon." It is to the Clergy we are painfully indebted for the distress of public jealousy, & to speak of the Clergy as in politics, know not what a day is to bring forth. Men who clamour from other's clamours & never find men's souls only where they evidently find their own secular interest. A religious establishment is in their view. This is no jealousy. What else says the four year creed & College at Andover, with its exclusive opinions.

June 1 [1809]. Walked in at Wood's Gate to Holmes Neck & found the neck inclosed & the fields plowed for the first time in the memory of this generation. Passed to Castle Hill upon which Mr. E. H. Derby has erected a small summer house of two small square stories, the upper of smaller dimensions, in the Italian style. It wants the grandeur of the former house which occupied this space. He has shut up the old road by Forest river road & opened a new road, over a New Bridge finished last year, leading to the Mansion House upon the road to Marblehead. The Garden is extensive & well arranged, without any unnatural or useless ornaments. The old Farm House at the foot of Castle Hill is in a state of decay. At this season the hill & fields are alive

at the Election holydays. Upon my return I saw the funeral procession of young Rose, wife of Saib [Derby], both lately servants of E. H. Derby deceased. It was an honour to Salem to see such a length of procession of decently clad & orderly blacks. 80 Blacks capable of dressing themselves in good fashion & of conducting with great solemnity, without the ignorant state & the awkward manner of a new situation, is favourable to the hopes of civil society.

2. The friends of Mr. Pickering think it base to enquire what he was in 1770, & yet boast of his early patriotism. And not being able to prove that the British party did not condemn him as guilty of perfidy, they quarrel with the Essex Register because it quoted his words wrongly printed, when they wished him the full reward of perfidy, which he in the cant of the times & of the family, said was wicked, because that was to wish eternal damnation. As the current of public opinion begins to set against him as opposed to a great national experiment in which he did essential injury to his country, it is not to be wondered that such a charge should be alarming to him, & that his weak friends should hope not to repel it but weaken it by exciting mean prejudices as P. has always done in the endless contentions of his life.

3. Last night died Capt. Clifford Crowninshield,* æt. 47. He was son of John, son of Clifford, from the common ancestor of the Family, Johannes Caspar Richter vos Croninscheldt, & not of the branch of John, Brother of Clifford, from whom George & his sons are descended. The deceased had no particular education or mercantile information, but by perseverance & eager pursuit he accumulated an estate. He retained the house of his G. Father Clifford in Essex Street opposite to East street, & afterwards built an elegant wooden house facing the Common on his Father's lot where Pleasant street crosses East street into Essex Street, extending upon the east side from East to Essex street. He then built a House in English street & a Store & wharf in Derby street upon his G. Father's Lots, & raised the land east of Webb street at considerable expence. In this wealth & unmarried he attracted the notice of N. Fisher, the Rector of St. Peter's Church, to which this branch of the family belonged, & was persuaded to marry his only daughter, who soon deceased after marriage. This alliance was displeasing to his 6 sisters who had no advantages from education, & many of them scanty means, & an open alienation from their Brother ensued which continued three years till within a few months of his death. This reconciliation excluded the Rector & disappointed his hopes who had removed into one of the houses of his Son in Law & had indulged great expectations. In the last hours all intercourse ceased

*See Bentley's Diary, Vol. II, page 200.

& the Rector has been left to lament his numerous indiscretions & ill placed confidence, in the serious evils to his affairs. This afternoon at Shillaber's. From what I could collect the farm now Oliver's, which Judge Oliver bought of Cottle, the Commission was bought by him from the heirs of David Boyce who had it by his 2d wife, who built the first part when she was the Widow Moulton, from the family after which the islands were called Moulton's Miseries. The son of this Boyce, called Happy Boyce, built the house which is now Browne's below Shillaber's. It is believed that David Boyce, senior, had the first deed of the Blueberry Swamp pasture which makes the corner on the plain south of the road going off to Newbury. In the adjoining pasture, half a mile from the road, is a mineral spring highly impregnated, & which lodges from its waters a sediment equally coloured with that at Spring pond. It was well up the high ground. It is said it has been known for years but not being palatable to the men who labour upon the rocks nothing has been said about it. Some intentions of bringing the spring at the pond into use again has revived the notice of the spring much nearer to Salem. The pasture is called the Village pasture, it being within the Village lines, opposite to the Sheep & Town pastures. The wings of the House at Oliver's farm, were built by Cottle, & the Chamber raised & enlarged over the Middle for a hall to receive Company. The old Madam Moulton was a Gatkill. The present widow Brown was a Buxton, & the present widow Shillaber, a Nichols. One Roades is a tenant on the Oliver family, who married a daughter of Shillaber. Happy Boyce is said to have received a Silver pipe from being often smoaking. And he often would take his night's sleep in the Chimney corner.

4. Sunday. Note. Moses Townsend & Wife, her delivery. We hear from Boston that Dr. Osgood of Medford, distinguished himself in the Election Sermon by the most virulent abuse of the Constituted Authorities & that he extended his personal reflections on President Adams & his Son John Quincy Adams. It is even said that Spring of Newbury, blushed for him & declared that he had some excuse for his sermons at Newbury Port, as the county was smarting under the embargo, but that Osgood knew better. The intemperate zeal of this man has had few supporters. In the Senate they made two questions, that of the usual one of asking a copy of that of thanks. The first request was voted, but 19 opposed the vote of thanks. A representative told me that the Marshal said Spring had been presented for his Sermon in that district to which he belonged. Such is the licentiousness of the men who call themselves the exclusively good of our times. More malignant passions never dwelt in the human heart. We are told G. Richards, notwithstanding his new house in Portsmouth, has

accepted a call to a better Universal Church in Philadelphia. G. R. has not had a generous support in Portsmouth, nor has he shewn that inflexibility which was expected from him.

5. Of the Artillery Election we have no other account than that the Gov. was escorted from Waltham with 600 horse & above 100 carriages & that he conferred the usual honours in the Exchange as the weather was rainy. Our Republican Gov. took his leave of his friends without ceremony & rode home in peace. But parties are so nearly balanced, as about 12 hundred the only majority & that chiefly from Boston, we cannot expect many daring measures. And the many publications of Mr. Adams are a serious check to British influence.

7. The finding of bones upon Cromwell's land in Salem on May 30, reminds of the history of the Judges' who were found in the walls to escape from the fury of political rage. Can any person in this quarter have asked the same favour as here were the friends of Cromwell & Peters. It will not be amiss to attend to this incident in examining the history of Salem. It is said in the Harleian miscellany that the bones of Cromwell were concealed upon the plains of Worcester, & the body of Charles conveyed to his vault in Westminster. No building antient stood near the spot on which the bones were found in Salem, & it [is] but within a very few years that a Street was contemplated.

8. The Gov. disclaims the persecution of a man merely for his political opinion, but he attempts to justify the measures of the Legislature which were in all the violence of party. The sound of moderation is pleasant from men in power, but it proves a fatal charm to virtue when it is not sincere. It is now proved that take out Boston votes & a very scanty number would have chosen a Gov. They would have left the Senate & the House of Representatives. The triumph is hard to get & may it be short. An attempt is made to get the political correspondence authorized last session of the last Legislature. No wishes appear in the party concerned to divulge it. And yet in other cases they make a cry against secrecy.

9. This day the farm at Orne's point, North fields, was up at auction. It is pleasantly situated upon the entrance of North River & opposite to the head in Beverly formed by Porter's & Bass river. By a late purchase the widow Orne has enlarged it to 20 acres. It encircles the whole point from the cove in North to the cove in Porter's river, & is separated by a stone wall which runs from cove to cove. It goes round the hill above the point & includes a grove of Oak & walnut. Col. [Thomas] Cushing, S. in law of Mrs. Orne, erected at her expence a Villa in the Italian stile having two stories in the centre with wings & buildings behind, with convenient outhouses at the foot of the hill, with a southerly exposure & several acres of level ground in its front.

The land rises again toward the point, at which are at present a brick kiln with a wharf & buildings to carry it on extensively. It is said this portion rents at 500D. a year, with the right of pastures. The land is together, excepting a small spot for a garden westward of the house. Should a bridge from Beverly or Salem pass the rivers it must increase the value of this land, which is now about two miles from the Centre of Salem. I was on the spot & travelled over the land at the time appointed for the sale. This day the repairs upon the East Meeting House were begun. The stagings were raised & the work is now seriously undertaken after long delay. Mason's estate in Northfields, sold to Ropes for 4,500 dollars, the price of the buildings. He was offered 4000 D. for the land only.

10. I am informed that there was no sale of Orne's farm. The family hold it for 8,000D. In Newburyport this day was the extravagance of joy. All last night the bells rung & illuminations & exhibitions discovered the frenzy of their zeal, but in the midst of their exultations came the news of the British Blockade of France, Holland, Italy, &c. The cause of the joy was that on 10 June the British orders ag. Commerce were to be considered as revoked.

11. Sunday. Note. Martha Palfray & children, d. of her Brother Clifford Crowninshield. The death of this man has made much conversation as he married the only daughter of Rev. N. Fisher, Rector of St. Peters Ch. in Salem, & it was thought that the Rector would get his large estate as his six sisters were denied all intercourse. But in the last of life a reconciliation took place, the Rector was ejected in turn, & he died intestate, without any orders for the smallest legacies. So the Rector did not even get the common burial fees, for being Father in law, the Rector of St. Michaels in Marblehead, Mr. Bowers, performed the funeral service. We learn from the public papers that Dr. Griffin is to be inaugurated the Bartlet Professor of Pulpit Eloquence at Andover, on 21 June. This professor is to assist Dr. Clark in supplying the new Church near the Mall in Boston. Great efforts are making for the establishment of the Church in New England. Dr. Lathrop has been appointed Chaplain of the House of Reps. Boston, this year. This Gentleman is the Eldest Minister in Boston at the present time & probably this appointment is to assist him as his voluntary contribution on his pews must be small, as is his congregation. He has not the best talents for the pulpit but is entitled to esteem. His late zeal in the spirit of Boston has interested the prevailing party somewhat in his favour. Last week a son of Mr. Ichabod Nichols of Salem, was ordained at Portland, a Colleague with Dr. Deane in the old Church in that place. Dr. Bernard, to whose congregation he belonged, was to preach on the occasion. It is not common for Salem to furnish

preachers for our Churches. Mr. Mottey is now living at Lynnfield, & is perhaps the only person of that employment born in Salem, now in the regular ministry of any church of any denomination. Mr. Curwen the only one of its ministers born in Salem.

12. This day, for the first time this season, I rode to Nahant, it being the first day in which the heat had risen to Summer heat to remain through the afternoon, & the second day that it had even for a moment reached it. It reached summer heat on Sunday, 21 May, & continued a few hours. Miss H. H[odges] was with me. We found no company at Nahant, & parties had not begun to visit it. This is the first time of my visits to Mr. W. Breed since the death of his Father Nehemiah Breed.

15. Yesterday our Uniform Companies appeared upon the parade. The Horse are well mounted. The Cadets have profited from the late competitions. The Mechanic Company & Light Infantry are still ambitious, & the Artillery tried their new pieces on the Neck & promise us the most effective men in actual service. The Juvenile train have proceeded to adopt a uniform & display a standard, & even to think that the French Emp.'s fervour to the young would not exclude them from his patronage & military appointments. We can exhibit everything but the real discipline of armies which the parade of a few days cannot superinduce upon more powerful habits.

17. Saw some labourers remove from the Brow of the hill as we enter the high land of the Neck, a great body of rocks which passed to the northerly side of the road & which make considerable change in the appearance as we approach the Hills. This Day an invitation to the Dedication of the Universal Church in Salem, 22 June, signed in behalf of the Committee by Jeduthan Upton, the same man who led in building the Branch [Church] for a man who scarcely admits any salvation at all. Mr. Bowers' answer about Marblehead Celebration of the Masons. I gave him the papers on the subject. Finished the Examination of the Essex Gazette ending March 1775.

18. Sunday. Mr. Nichols of this town has been late ordained at Portland. It is said that Mess. Kellog & Payson of that place were disposed to ask some questions on the Trin[itarian] controversy, which were judged impertinent & were checked. The Univ[ersalists] in Salem have given invitations to the Ministers to attend their Ded[ication] & installation at the New House in Salem this week. We have the news of the Death of Thomas Paine, Esqr. æt. 73. The many attempts of this man to degrade Christianity have given him an ill name among Christians who have entirely forgotten their great obligations to him in the American Revolution. Posterity will do justice to his talents, to his services, & to his Character, should it be denied in the present Generation. He had such ideas of the opposition of the religious

Orders to the progress of Civil & political society that he opposed everything which involved their existence. It is said that he asked to be buried among the Friends or Quakers with whom he had been educated, but from the prejudices of the times they are said not to have consented. Mr. Paine possessed all the vigour of intellect with all the power of expression. No man had greater ability in assisting the public mind whenever he favoured its inclinations. When he dared openly to insult it, it trembled, it felt, it was silent, it was shaken. He was indeed a wonderful man & he was the first to see in what part every System was most vulnerable. Even in his attacks upon Christianity he felt without knowing it, the greatest difficulties which rational Christians have felt. Without their prejudices he found what was simple, powerful, & direct, & what might be renounced without injury to morality, to the reverence of God & the peace of the mind.

21. The season seems backward but the months of April & May as to Temperature [are] much as in the preceding year. Dr. Richardson says almost a month behind in New York. This week was taken down the Old Higginson House at the Corner of the Common, lately sold by the heirs of Deacon Andrews who possessed it many years, & it was afterwards purchased by the Gardiner's & is now sold to Col. Archer. The buildings are to be removed & New Brick stores to be erected. The lot sold at above 8 th. Dollars. This House was erected by John, a Son of Revd. John Higginson, in 1663 after the family returned from Connecticut in 1660. He was several years at Saybrook fort, & afterwards an Assistant to Mr. Whitefield at Guildfort, & came to Salem about the time of his establishment, probably as early as 1658. This house was built in the style of our Oldest houses, with low stories but lofty peaks & with bold projections of the upper stories. But it had undergone so many additions in its early state as to leave little of the original plan. Its longest side was on Newbury street. Its entrance on Essex street. A Shop made the south front & the largest room was on the east on a line with the northern part, & admitting a square porch between the western & eastern part, filling half the length of the southern from the eastern part so that the porch was at the angle of the buildings. The Stair case was in the porch, & the entry to the rooms, so that both the eastern & western rooms were entered at corners on their southern side. The Shop extended from the porch & gave a Chamber above, so that the house had four peaks three of which were in Essex street. This house was built 7 years after Elder Browne's & 23 before Mr. English's. The two last are now standing, Elder Browne's, nearly opposite, lately repaired by Capt. Stone having passed by Browne to Pickering & to Browne & Gibaut to Stone. English's, at Neck Gate, is still

in the hands of the heirs of English & capable of good repair which is prevented by some questions respecting division among the heirs. Jeffrey Massey's, which he built near the ferry, now bridge, is standing, being the eastern part of the Waters house. Hilliard's house in English street, Col. Turner's in Turner's Street, Hardy's in Hardy street, the Becket House in Becket's street, Daniels' House, the eastern part of Silsbee's house in Daniel's street and all these are structures of the 17 Century so that we still have all the houses from which the streets are named. Orange street has been a name given at the late naming of the streets by persons uninformed of our topography & shamefully negligent of that duty owed to the memory of primitive settlers. Materials are collecting for the local history of all the houses in [the] eastern part of Salem. A few years ago all the sites might have been known.

22. This was the day appointed to install Mr. Edw. Turner at Salem, in the Universalists Meeting House just built. Several of the ministers of that denomination assembled, but not one of the ministers of the town, which such a concourse as they could collect. It is unhappy for this rising sect that not one man of education in the County is attached to their ministry. Murray is a vulgar daring man. G. Richards is the most bombastic writer of the age, from his unformed taste And the others illiterate, illiberal, & yet the most impudent men to be imagined. Opinions should be forced, but what has society to hope from such a defence of them whatever may be their intrinsic value & usefulness. They took unwearied pains to connect with their services the best vocal & instrumental Music & this served to cover all imperfections.

23. I assisted at the celebration at Marblehead in the Old Church. We had a band from Salem. Their best vocal music in the Meeting House & some good songs & accompanymnts in the hall. We passed to the Meeting House directly from the Hall & there after the usual services the Master, Mr. French, delivered an Address to his Lodge. We returned through the town & had a handsome dinner provided in the Hall by the Stewards, and in the afternoon dispersed with great good order. The Masons assembled this day were of good condition. Our audience was chiefly young but we saw the aged in great numbers as we passed their houses. Everything was done with civility & attention. The Collector assured me that a greater number of Vessels had gone into the foreign trade than at any former time. 25 had sailed for the West Indies & as many for Europe. 50 Sail of Fishermen had gone on their fares. Many were preparing for sea & the hopes of the people were abundantly revived after the long & distressing Embargo.

24. I received a Tautoug of several pounds weight which had

been taken at Essex Bridge at which more are taken than at any place on this side of Marblehead. And at Marblehead, the fish was not known, as Mr. Wilson the Collector, said one was taken this week, shewn as a large Cunner & then thrown to the pigs.

25. Sunday. Note. Mercy Wellman & Children, d. of her d. Tucker & pr. for Son at Sea. Eunice Tucker & Brethren, d. of their Mother. Notice is given that the Company standing round the Doors of Churches in the city of New York, especially at the close of the services, was offensive. We have not suffered so much in Boston at this time as at the opening of the services as the ministers visit each other's desks in the morning to see what persons are to perform in the respective houses. In Salem, no standing is common except a little at the centre of the Town. Dined this day at Mr. Vincent's with George Richards of Portsmouth. He tells me he is under actual engagements to go to Philadelphia in September & to quit his former flock. When he went to Portsmouth he was pennyless. He preached in a low building which they enlarged & furnished with Galleries & he supported himself in part by Schoolkeeping. Last year they had courage enough to build a brick meeting house but it seems have gone beyond their strength. Mr. Richards has gained a comfortable house for which he assures me that he owes nothing & which he intends to keep for his family should anything befall him. He has for sometime relinquished his School. Mr. Richards says these Schools were patronized well for 18 months & then the Preceptors were left to shirk for themselves. Mr. [Timothy] Alden is gone for Boston. The Register tells us that the services in this town on Thursday last were performed in the following manner. Mr. Murray made the first prayer in the morning service. G. Richards preached & Nath. Smith closed. In the evening Th. Jones prayed. Hosea Ballou preached. The Scriptures were delivered by G. R. & the Charge given by J. Murray. The fellowship by G. R. The prayer by Sebastian Streeter, & blessing by the Candidate inducted, Edward Turner. The most candid & best informed hearers have given us nothing characteristic. The strangers who visited town reported they were too long & the friends of Mr. Turner that his few words were worth all the services of the day. But the Novelty has made the occasion a subject of much animadversion.

27. The dissolution of our Court of Sessions, after continuing above one hundred years, is a part of the New order of things & preparations to some greater Changes. The Judiciary has had the proposed increase of Salary and the Gents of the Law of both parties agree in this measure. The Clergy will start next as they are not content with the inroads of harpies upon their property, & the Physicians by their Certificates are preventing all Quackery not sanctioned by the regular profession. We are told the

Clergy are now assembled at Newbury Port, the head quarters, if not of talents, of the good principles of the new times. The Inferiour Court is now sitting in this town. Nye, Special Judge.

July 2 [1809]. Sunday. Notes. Mary Brown with her children, d. of her Sister Hanna Beckford of Sedgwick, Penobscot Bay. She has left 10 children. They Pickerings. Hanna Potter, d. of her Child, pr. Husband at sea. She Lufkin. We learn from Andover that on 21 June, Revd. Edw. D. Griffin D. D. was inducted as Professor of Pulpit Eloquence in the Theological Seminary in that place. The persons who officiated on the occasion were Revd. French, Spring, Pearson, Morse & Dana. Dr. Griffen was lately of Newark, N. J. & is the assistant minister elect of the New House near the Common Burying Ground, Boston. Dr. Killoch is with him. So we go in our Divinity. By the last news from Cape Ann, Old Town, the Fanatics, called Free Will Baptists, had proceeded to the greatest lengths. One in a fit of frenzy had put an end to life, others were distracted. The Selectmen interfered & the disturbers of the peace left the place. It is to be remembered that in Old Town for 30 years they have had no preaching since d. of Mr. Rogers. So surely do extremes meet. Dr. Cotton Mather says that Mr. Eliot wrote the whole Indian bible with but one pen. I heard Dr. Chaney say of himself that he had used one pen above 30 years. And Dr. Holyoke of Salem once expressed surprise that we should talk so much of the expences of pens as he had experienced no such expences or inconveniences. The first settlers made a pride as we say of these things. At a late dedication of the Meeting House in Woburn, Mr. Chickering, the Incumbent, preached & gave a sort of a history of the town. It is said the pews sold for 3000 dollars more than the cost of the house. To settle all dispute about rebuilding some less scrupulous & concealed persons removed the powder* & other things from the old House & at midnight put fire to it. It was a summary process but a dangerous liberty.

4. Celebration of Independance. It was in Salem, Military altogether. The bells rang in the morning. At eleven an address was delivered at the North M. by Mr. Dearborn, the Officers of the Regiment dined at Washington Hall, & the Cavalry at the house kept by Ward at the Crowninshield farm, Danvers. The Artillery, Infantry, & Horse were under arms, & the citizens generally in great hilarity. They had no celebration at Marblehead or Beverly. But we are informed great preparations were made at Boston, Charlestown & in many other places.

5. On the Neck observed the Boys on the hillocks near Hospital point opening the holes of the Field mice. They found these hillocks filled with them. They had taken a great number. Our

*A town's stock of gun powder was usually stored in the meeting house which was the one public building.

trees during winter had suffered much from these busy animals. I could not refuse to observe with what readiness the boys found the track of these little animals & followed them to their nests. And the art with which these inhabitants had provided a retreat by an entrance opposite to that at which they entered. I observed their nests were uniformly higher than the passage between the hillocks which resembled an old Corn field. But that whenever we came to a descending hole we were sure to find a toad. I noticed with what singular care the rude boys who filled their hats with the mice, preserved the toads from injury. They said the Toads must not be hurt. They were of the lowest cast & had the vulgar prejudices. They said they were in search of moles & could not distinguish the blind young of the field mice from the moles. The finding of so much field mice increased their sport & the number was indeed such as I could not have expected. The boys will not leave any of them undisturbed, now they have discovered them. In the Ceiling of our Meeting house during the repairs, I found only one Copper coin, an old Georgius.

6. Had an opportunity to see the Chef d'oeuvre of the Am. Press, Barlow's Columbiad, which in point of execution exceeds anything from the American press. It sells at 20 dollars. But I was informed that Mr. Barlow had disposed of the greater part of the Impression among his friends as a tribute of respect. The address to H. Fulton is in the first degree of excellence. An account of the poem as a preface & the life of Columbus as an introduction, are with the poem. I must pronounce it an honour to our Country. The French Academicians have given a very favourable character of it in consequence of a Copy they received from the Author of the Poem.

7. The melancholy news from Portsmouth of the explosion of powder at the Fort on the day of Independence is confirmed. Seven persons were actually killed & a greater number wounded, some mortally. The ammunition chest with about 300 lb. of powder had been incautiously exposed. Our celebration in Salem was more happy. We had no explosion but the harmless one of a federal Company at Lynnfield Hotel under the direction of the family of T[imothy] P[ickering], the great Letter signer for the English.

8. The appointment of John Q. Adams as our Ambassador to the Court of Russia, has obtained in the Senate. This must be judged a favourable event to the Jeffersonian policy & another pledge from P. Madison. Mr. Madison gave me some flattering personal attention by Gen. Dearborn which convinced me that he was the friend of the friends of Mr. Jefferson. Had the pleasure of an interview with Mr. D. at his son's in South Salem.

9. Sunday. Notes. Samuel Swasey, d. of his Son in Law, fr. at sea. He was Thomas Brown of Winter street in this Town.

Christopher Babbidge, d. of his wife, pr. Son at sea. She a Randall of Old York. The Sales of the Pews of the Universalists in Salem, did not open the first prospects so pleasingly as the votaries of the Sect expected. Calvinism run mad is not in the style of Free Thinkers. The Calvinism must be reduced in order to make our thoughtless folk believe even in their Salvation. Out of the Pews, which exceed 100, 44 were sold at Auction, whether by real purchase is not known. The Advance upon the Appraisalment was from 50 dollars to 50 Cents. What the mean was I have not heard, but probably far below the mean proportion of the two extremes. In truth the Chance is rather against one new Sect, & they have not one man among them assisted by education or a generous acquaintance with human nature.

12. Just such a Storm as we usually have, that is called the Equinoctial Storm. Threatening appearances, winds easterly, rain driving, & the air cold. It began to rain at sunrise, & rained all day, wind high & in gusts. From 80 the glass fell to 70, & when the storm began to 60. We were experiencing in July the weather of March with a change in the atmosphere of more than 20 degrees in 24 hours.

14. Last night died a young man from Beverly who fell from the rigging of a Ship at the Crowninshield wharf, fractured his scull & died in a few hours. The Carpenters finished the covering of the East Meeting House & the Painters began. The windows with Boston Glass not yet finished. The Pickering family have commenced a dispute about the Ex Secretary who makes such a figure in our Embargo times as an Opposer. Some persons were determined to prove that it was a family matter & not the favourable public opinion which was the cause of this man's consequence. The malignity of this man will not suffer his enmity to be at rest. Our republican brethren at Ipswich & Newbury port did not forget their duty on the late anniversary & Mr. Giles came out boldly in defence of his friends. Mr. Smith, the Moderator at Newbury Port, gave these three, Arnold, Burr & Pickering & it has occasioned great shaking. Good Mr. Adams continues his publications.

16. The lately inaugurated Professor Griffen of Andover, & intended Co Pastor at Boston in the New House Tremont street near the Mall, preached in Salem last Tuesday, in the Tabernacle. Much more was said of his eloquence than of his Divinity. His preaching not in the taste of our best judges.

18. We have a continuance of a Second N. E. Storm with incessant rains. It was very heavy last night & has continued all this day. The Glasses abroad would not be above temperate & so chilly is the air that all seem disposed to crowd around the fireside.

19. The continuance of a thick N. E. Storm three days successively in this month is not common. We covet the fireside in

all our houses and are shut up as in winter. Mr. T. Pickering, the Letter writer, retired to Wenham yesterday without any sign of the parade of his 100 horses. The farmer's were afraid of having too much hay, but now they are afraid that they shall lose it. We witness all the absurd discontents of life, & yet take a full share in them. This according to old dates, would have been a bad week for Commencement.

23. We begin to see the effects of the New Universal Church. The lower Danvers has been disturbed. The minister has preached in a School house & the Preacher Incumbent has taken the alarm & has noticed the intrusion in the pulpit. The people threaten to persist & the Universalist consents to aid. A Mr. Gardner of that District, formerly of Salem, in his old age has become devoted to this sect & is not without his influence as well as zeal. Several aged persons of reputed steady habits have been in consent & to their indiscretion we are indebted for the distraction which may ensue from the new order of things in this vicinity. So the World ever was.

24. This day with H. C[rowninshield] & H. H[odges] I visited Capt. Elkins at Wenham, Mr. Hood, & dined at Mr. D[avid] Balch at Topsfield. Here we amused ourselves several hours. We then passed on the turnpike to Linnfield Hotel, now kept by Mr. Louis. We found nobody travelling upon it. Mr. L. complains of the utter impossibility of maintaining a good house in that place. The Toll house is removed from Topsfield hill to the meeting of the N[ewbury] P[ort] & the Andover Turnpike about 2½ miles beyond Lynnfield Hotel towards Newburyport. We returned by the Butt Brook, making a Circuit of 25 miles. We found the Ipswich river very full, having quite overflowed its banks. We could obtain comparatively few of the Nymphaea, but we found in the Garden the *Guajacum Astrum*, Wood of life, or Life of Man. We returned rich in wild flowers.

25. Reports are in circulation respecting a Correspondence of T. Pickering & S. Williams with Canning the Eng. Minister, in which some treasonable purpose of said Pickering are disclosed. Some hints are given in the Patriot of Boston & some letters in the Whig, Baltimore.

26. The statement in the Baltimore Whig respecting Tim. Pickering is, that Government possess the history of a Correspondence to be laid before the Senate of the U. S. which includes S. Williams, formerly the American Consul, & a Mr. Preble, formerly consul at Cadiz. A Mr. Parker communicated it to Gen. Armstrong, then in Switzerland, when this Mr. Parker was present when Preble read Pickering's Letter. At this time Williams was intimate with Canning the English minister, & at the same time Canning changed suddenly his conduct, & this, in the opinion of Pinckney our minister in England, & of Armstrong our M. in



THE TURNPIKE HOTEL AT TOPSFIELD.

From a pencil sketch made about 1835-1840, by Alonzo Lewis of Lynn.



THE OLD TOLL HOUSE AT TOPSFIELD.

The Turnpike is also shown and near the crest of the hill in the distance, formerly stood the Topsfield Hotel. From a photograph made in 1900.

France, from an opinion that the N. E. states were ready for a seperation, or that a division of the United States might be made & the Eastern states formed into a Dependancy of G. Britain. The Letter as represented to Gen. Armstrong from S. Williams to Preble stated "That he was authorized by his relation Timothy Pickering to represent to Mr. Canning, that it was the wish of the Eastern states to separte from the Union, that they wished to be informed how far they might calculate on the aid & protection of Great Britain to enable them to effect an object so hazardous & so important." It is added, Gen. Armstrong has taken several depositions & that this affair was no secret at Paris. We do not wonder then that the N[ewbury] P[ort] toast was B. Arnold, A. Burr, T. Pickering, these three! The Patriot gives Pickering a hint on the subject of his duty.

28. Having heard that this was the Day of the Last Lecture at Cambridge from J. Q. Adams, our Envoy to Russia, now professor of Rhetoric at Cambridge, I was determined to see this man who had attracted so much notice & who had been subject to so much political Obloquy for his defence of the Commercial restrictions of our Country. After I reached Cambridge, I was led into the Declamation Hall at which he presided, but as I had no knowledge of him I did not discover this till the declamations were over. His remarks were of approbation & his point resolved the hopes of Genius into Patience. He said little, & it appeared to me more as paradox. At the hour of the Lecture many of the principal characters had assembled from Boston of both sexes. Mr. Adams began without any thing to determine in his favour in person or manner but nothing to prejudice. He rose upon us & I have never seen greater happiness of manner, more clearness of illustration, or more perfect effect upon an audience, the most mixed to be conceived of, persons of high condition. In his lecture he was closing his course. Upon the whole I never was & never [expect to] be better pleased. In going I took for the first time my Course from Topsfield Hotel & passed in the Newbury Turnpike to Malden Bridge. I found the West Meeting [House] of Lynn, higher in this route upon a better road, & visited Revd. Frothingham to see the antient library of his predecessor Revd. Joseph Roby, whose father was our near neighbor in Boston. I dined in Charlestown at the hotel near the old Common at the entrance of the road to Cambridge at the Neck. At Cambridge, I was introduced to Mr. J. Q. Adams repeatedly but not in a situation to have any share of his conversation. Mr. W. Gray who was formerly a Merchant of Salem, sends a Son with him, Henry, & Mr. A. goes in his Vessel to Russia & has promised his Mediation for a foreign acquaintance. I returned upon the Salem Turnpike, having the compliments of Judge Winthrop, President Webber, Pr. Wear & Pr. Waterhouse & Mr. Hodges at Tea. Took

Tea at Hotel in Lynn & found the pleasant day had attracted many persons from Boston to the usual rides of Nahant. The Newbury Port Turnpike from the Hotel at Lynnfield to the Old Boston Road, gives not a more favourable view of our Country than the road beyond. Upper Danvers has better farms than the few in Upper Lynn. The N. P. Turnpike is the first [of] any such in this quarter with regularly marked miles stones shewing the distance both ways. We have a few but not in regular series before the war, but not so conspicuously placed in the road as not to escape observation. The Upper Lynn Meeting is not half a Mile from the Newbury Port Turnpike. I saw the new road to Lechmore's point to the Third Bridge which passes to West Boston between Charlestown & Cambridge Port Bridges. A road enters near the Colleges & passes through Milk row, W. of Prospect Hill. I saw a few more hovels but not more improvement upon the old Cambridge Road to Charlestown & no house in so good repair as formerly. In Topsfield, on S. side of Ipswich river, Deacon Bixby has a barn 80 feet by 40 which he fills from his own farm. This is in better stile than in Cambridge.

29. Mr. Le Duc was with me by request of the Brethren. He has resided at Pau & is a descendant of one of the suffering families of La Vendee. He has a regular pass port from Bayonne & a permit to leave the Empire from the French Emperour with his Certificate of his faithful services in the Marine. He has a Certificate from the Mayor of Pau & from his neighbours of his good character & he exhibits a copy of his petition to the Emperour. He has also a representation of the fate of his parents & of the great deceptions by which he has been defrauded of his property. He has been received at the Lodge of St. John, of St. Genix called the Perfect Harmony, & it is his wish to be assisted in getting to New Orleans. I gave a copy of the examination of his papers to the Master of our Lodge, & preserve this for future explanations.

30. Sunday. Note. Wid. Mary Hutchinson, d. of G. Son abroad, Sons & G. sons at sea, for herself infirm. B[enjamin] H[utchinson] died at Havanna. At Andover, in this County, died Revd. Jonathan French, æt. 70, in 37 year of his ministry. This man succeeded to Rev. Philips, & was one of the remaining examples of the power & influence & affections of the primitive ministry. Mr. F. had been a Sergeant at Castle William, Boston under Col. Burbeck. Was disposed to obtain a public education, went late to his studies & graduated at Cambridge, 1771, after 30 years of age in the same years with S[amuel] P[hillips], son of the Minister, & who was afterwards L.-Gov. & one of French's best parishioners. In 1772, Mr. F. was settled in South Parish in Andover, & we may well conclude what a man of 30 must be in a hasty preparation for College & in so speedy a settlement

after he left his College studies. But he had a good share of popular favour till the close of life, the spirit of office & a life free from offence. The Literary Schemes of S. Philips, & the late plan of a Theological Institution has brought Mr. French much into public view. His hospitality, open manners, & pulpit talents have given him favour with the multitude of his brethren & with our Churches. He became Corpulent, rather indolent, & withal timid as to the dangers from free air & exercise. He preached on the Sunday before he died & was abroad on the day before his death. He had an apoplectic stroke in the morning of the day in which he died, under which he did not labour more than 14 hours. He was interred on Monday last & there was a great concourse. Dr. Cummings of Bilerica, made the Prayer before the Sermon before the interment & Mr. Stone of Reading Precinct preached. Mr. Marrete of Burlington made the Concluding prayer. All these ministers were of the same association with Mr. French & above 70 years of age. Andover is now destitute. Mr. Symmes died last year in North Parish. It was not very pleasing to our Bp. that the Tabernacle people should undertake to appoint their own preacher at the Association meeting & particularly that he should be announced to the public in a newspaper without leave of the Clergy, & inconsistently with their first & second on such occasions. But it is tenderly forgiven. Dr. Griffen not only gives his public but his private labours. We learn he meets his brethren in private houses in Boston. The Subject has been before the Convention whether the Minority of Churches can form regular Societies after Separation. It is a point which the Ministers have not power enough to determine whatever may be their inclination at the present day.

August 2 [1809]. Being fine weather I went with my two favorites H. C[rowninshield] & H. H[odges] in the Custom House Boat to Baker's Island. We found that the long snows of last winter had thinned the Island of Rabbits. Hundreds had been killed also for their furs. We had a couple for our dinner roasted. We found the Elder, *Sambucus nigra*, in great abundance upon the Island. The Parsnip was not so common as heretofore & as on Eagle Island. We visited the Winter Island, in pursuit of Catnip, but it had been gathered. It has abounded upon this Island. We found a little near the shore at the bar between the two Islands. We found a large party from Beverly on the G. Misery. A large party of young tradesmen & their girls reached Baker's Island from Salem, & another party of married folks from Marblehead. We had no intercourse. After Coffee at 6 o'clock we entered the same Boat which returned for us & we reached Salem as the Sun was setting. The Stone pier from Hardy's rocks has been carried away. All the other piers remain without any injury. These piers were insured by Mr. Bemus the workman, & Mr. Gray is among

the Insurers. Settled with Maning, a long standing account which had been open with the Father from the hires of Horses & Chaises for many years, & with no small joy to me. When the subscription was open for me, a person said he would remember me when he settled his account. The settlement was made by the son. Another man promised to send me something & as an equivalent for 50 D. I received the value of One. This day preached in the Charity House in the turn of Dr. Prince. The subjects were quiet excepting a little interruption from the cry of children. No persons are admitted from the town on these special occasions.

4. The Covering of the East Meeting House is finished. The White washing within also & the stages up for the painting of the steeple. Two new posts have been placed in the tower to support the steeple & the other posts repaired. The railing of the tower had entirely perished. A Mr. Brown & Co. did the Carpentry, but not with the utmost fidelity. A Mr. Hodgedon does the painting, a Mr. Robins the masonry, & Mr. Herrick & Silsbee the occasional repairs of the tower, posts, seats & such articles. The Glazing was included in the bill of the Carpentry by a special contract.

6. Sunday. Notes. Nath. Delano & wife, d. of Daughter, æt. 8 years. Nicholas Lane & wife, d. of g. d. Delano. The Methodists continue to worship together, who live at Salem, in a building on the northwest side of Washington square. Mr. Alexander, a Gun Smith, officiates for them & they now begin to take a form in this place. The Universalists have more numbers than property. My Good old Friend D. MacIntock's parish in Greenland N. H., is over run by the Sectaries. He kept them entirely free for half a Century of years. But the Glory has departed from them. We are told that the spirit in Gloucester is greatly quieted so that Fanaticism assumes a more decent form & with less dispar to unhappy individuals infested by it. Mrs. Edney, a violent Methodist, has turned Free Will Baptist. Mrs. Kinsman, once with me, turned close communion Baptist, & now free will Baptist & is immersed.

8. A Meeting of the Citizens has been held lately about the circulation of Bank bills. The Brokers keep our Paper Medium in the utmost uncertainty. They dare not attack the Banks near Boston, but the Banks of Maine, & of the Interior of this state do not fare Better than those of the other States of N. H., Vt., & Rhode Island, & Conn. The whole is left to a Committee to quiet the public mind and to overawe the Brokers who begin to speak for the moment with a little more caution. Mr. Adams has sailed for Russia. The notice of the Government has not a little chagrined the domineering party in N. England, which does not spare its abuse of him & his Father. Amos Hovey of Salem, is announced as L. Col. in the 2 division of Artillery. This man is very busy with politics, came from Boxford, a shoemaker, then

a trader, now a Merchant. Fond of dress, he had command of our artillery company, has had a master's command & is now promoted.

9. Finished the Carpenting, Painting & Masonry on the Outside of the East Meeting House & removed all the Staging. Capt. Allen is now finishing his Fish pound which is not yet secured against a waste of water towards the sea. He proposes to raise all the ground in his enclosure west of his Garden lately enclosed in his field. The Neck Farm admits many expences. The foundations of the New Building corner of Newbury street, are now preparing, & the surveyors have improved Bath street by water conveyances & Moriarty is building a Brick house in Union street & Goodhue in Herbert street. Esqr. Manning is repairing his house in Essex street below Herbert street, & Wid. Hodges [is] enlarging her house in Orange street. A new House has been raised in Essex street, corner of Carleton street. The Buildings on Essex street at Grush's Corner repaired. A row of small buildings upon English's heir's lands in English street. The Street to the wharves below Carleton street widened. The Lands of Diman & Brown in Hardy street covered. Stores building on the Derby Wharf. In the new Streets on the N. E. quarter in Winter street, Bridge, Pickman, Andrew, & all the Streets eastward of Williams streets many additional buildings. From Williams street to the Water & the N. W. corner of the Common to the shores, the whole square when I came to Salem contained only 20 dwelling houses. It now contains five times that number & all within a few years. Along the Common to Winter street & then by ferry lane was the only Street or open way in that quarter which now contains Brown street, Williams, Fairfield & Olivers streets, & Pleasant street which is a new road through the Lots, Andrew & Pickman's streets passing from Winter street across Pleasant street to the Shore, besides six cross streets in Bridge street formerly ferry lane. There is a Wharf upon the S. E. side by Pierce & Wait, several rope walks, Brooks Slaughter House, & buildings of every description. The buildings began at Skerry's point, afterwards called Horton's, from a man who lived there when I came to Salem in 1783, & since Gardner's, from a Baker who began a settlement there.

11. We had our School Committee meeting & we prevailed upon Mr. Joshua Dodge, the Town Treasurer, to accept of the office of Clerk as the duty neither agreed with my convenience nor public character. A petition was heard from Shillaber's plain but referred to the Town. Liberty was given for the purchase of some small books for the Women's Schools, & particularly for the blacks, & it was thought best, all things considered, not to invite formal addresses to the Schools from the Ministers not only as not rewarding the pains but as obliging the Committee to ap-

point persons who may claim to be ministers & may not be acceptable.

12. The subject of the paper money has become a serious concern. The increase of Banks has given existence to a multitude of Brokers that give us no rest. Every day some bank is restored & some cried down. The vexation has been great & the public discontent increases. We do not know what money to receive & what to reject, & debtors can purchase money which will embarrass their creditors & the poor have their pay in money which will not answer their occasions. All our Gazettes are full of the business.

15. Wid. Elizabeth Endicott, who died last week in Danvers, was aged 91 years & sister to Mr. Jacobs now living in the same town & reckoned about 100 years of age. He is an uncommon example of cheerfulness & vigour at his time of life. I have cultivated a friendship for him many years. I find him possessed of Great muscular firmness & subject to no partial disease. Always in Competence & never in abundance. Content with little or much. Industrious, but not anxious in his labours. Looks on the best side of things. Natural acumen & often shrewd, his stock is from observation not reading or much conversation. His exact age I have never satisfactorily understood. Daniel, s. of John Jacobs, was baptised at Salem, Nov. 9, 1711.

16. The Anniversary of the Battle of Bennington. My worthy good friend Gen. Stark is now living. He enjoys his firm mind at an age above fourscore & remains as firmly attached to the Cause of his Country. Wrote to President Madison, the subject of a token of respect to Gen. Stark & enclosed the letter to Mr. Gallatin. President Jefferson received a similar letter & took a kind notice of it. Gave the afternoon to amusement at Philips' at the Head, found several parties there & took Coffee with H. C[rowninshield] & H. H[odges] & returned just after sundown. Few fish were taken upon the ebb. Mrs. Philips told me that the ancestor of these branches, Walter, lived at the place she inhabited, but she did not seem to have distinct information. Another branch of the same family was early at Danvers & into that branch the late Dr. Amos Putnam of Danvers married.

19. With Dr. Spaulding waited upon Revd. Emerson again to address the Schools.

20. Sunday. Notes. James Archer, wife & children, d. of his d. Sara. Lemuel Philips & wife, d. of their infant daughter. Wid. Mary Whitford, d. of G. Daughter, child of Mr. Oliver.

22. In our Domestic History we have had the names of 150 persons who associated at Newbury Port during the Embargo, to arm in a most menacing attitude to their country. The same fanaticism so named in religion has exhibited itself in mad zeal against the Government of our Country. These persons have been denominated the Silver Greys.

23. I had made some arrangements for a visit to Cambridge at the Declamations but from some error in the day made by the parents the visit was prevented. I therefore changed it into a visit to Nahant where we enjoyed the day in fishing & walking agreeably. H. C[rowninshield] with M. W[illiams] & her mother. The Great General was left with me. We found friend Breed's daughter very sick of a fever & all in anxiety. We found all the bridges off the Beach road through Swamscutt & the road in very good repair where ever the situation will allow them to be so. The removal of four gates is no small convenience in that short distance. The buildings are in better repairs than I have ever seen them. The new owners of Councillor Burrill's house have painted it. Birds are plenty. We took 6 dozen of the Pearch in a short time before dinner & upon the ebb at the fish house point west of the Houses. Several parties at Nahant.

25. We have a rainy day. Glad to shut our windows as in November & the glass within doors with closed windows at 60° Fr. The N. E. rain storm makes us for the third time forget the Dog days.

26. This day closed with an October storm & the damp weather obliged our families to use fire in their houses. But a time of health. Capt. Allen, for the first time in Salem, introduced fish from the ponds into an artificial pond he had prepared on the neck. I cannot find that any such thing had ever been done in this Town. Mr. Barret did it into his ponds in Boston, about twenty years ago, in Summer street where the Tontine buildings now are. The fish were taken at Flax pond & appeared dead, but soon revived when put into the fresh water. We suffer from the failure of the banks. Two banks in N. H. have surrendered their keys & there are alarms about the banks out of our great towns generally. The posture of our Commerce gives us reason to fear the increase of this evil through out the Union but very [few] bills pass which are not issued in this portion of the Union & we have no more of these banks than any portion of the Union.

27. Sunday. We hear from Andover, North Parish, that a Memorial will be presented to the Council to be assembled next month for the ordination of Mr. Gay, Pastor elect. The Opposition is said to be powerful.

28. The day for the Annual Visitation of the Schools. Not having obtained Mr. Hopkins or his assistant Emerson, after the most shameful evasion, we received the Youth of the respective Schools in the Court House & found the whole number actually present in the seats 353. In the Grammar School 19, Middle 71, E[ast] 88, W[est] 106, N[orth] 69—353. In my first year, 375, in 1806, 238, in 1807, 290, in 1808, 350 then added North School. The behaviour of the boys was as correct as ever was known. I was obliged to say something & Mr. Spaulding closed

with prayer. A very respected number of the principal citizens attended on the Occasion. After dinner I went with my young pupil H. C[rowninshield] to attend the funeral of the daughter of my friend W. Breed at Nahant. Abigail was 17 years old, bred in the severe manners of the Quakers, but of a sweet countenance & a most amiable temper, beloved by all who visited the house many of whom were of the first condition. The neighbors discovered all respect upon the occasion & 55 Chaises were in the procession to the grave besides the part of the procession on horseback & on foot. She is the only young person I have ever known to have died at Nahant. Her disease was a nervous fever which the Physician called dropy in the head, as I think, improperly. I took coffee at the Hotel & then returned to Salem.

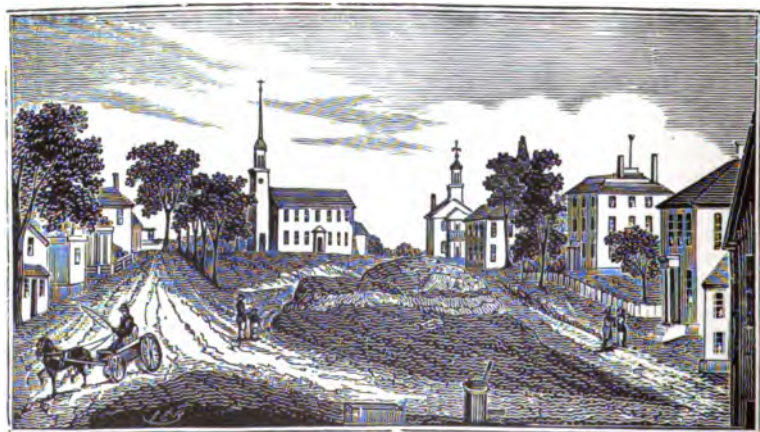
29. We visited the Schools kept by Women for Small Children & we found upon the benches 184. In the Middle 32, In the West 25, in the South 43, in the East 40 & in the School for the small Black Children 44, making 537 instructed at the expence of the Town. Besides these Public Schools, are three Proprietors Schools, which upon high salaries receive 25 boys each. And besides these eight Schools kept by men who support themselves by their quarterages collected from such families as please to send their children, besides schools for Navigation, Evening Schools, & Schools kept by women whose number must be ever uncertain. It may be a question whether we have any celebrated teachers, yet we may presume that such general attention is not without good effect so as to leave us in the common advantages not behind our neighbours. In some of the Public Schools the parents are very negligent in providing Books for their Children which in part is to induce the Town to take care for them & to save expence.

30. Last evening Mr. Harris called upon me. I proposed to go to Haverhill & copy the paintings of the Cookes. We agreed & passed towards Haverhill on the Topsfield road. We found them covering the frame of the Excellent Bridge at Haverhill from the weather. The foundations of all the arches as high as the water can reach are solid stone piers keyed & strapped in the strongest manner. The arches are very strong in the heavy timber which form them. It is about 14 years since the last bridge was built which soon decayed. The toll here is the highest, 17 Cents for a Horse & Chaise. We put up at Kendall's Hotel near the bridge & were kindly received at Dr. N. Saltonstall's & accomplished the purpose of our visit with every aid from the family. We took tea with the family & returned to the Hotel. The Saltonstall place yet remains & the house in which Gov. Gurdon Saltonstall was born. He was Gov. of Conn. from 1707 to 1724. We obtained a complete list of the Descendants of the Cookes & Saltonstall from the beginning. Dr. S. waited upon us around the town & explained to us the principal improvements. In the fam-



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SOUTHEAST VIEW OF IPSWICH GREEN.

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ily still remains a portrait of one of the distinguished characters of past times, Con. Middlecott. A very beautiful miniature of Gov. Leveret remains in the family. Several Brick Stores are built in Haverhill which add to the appearance of the town near the Bridge.

31. We left Haverhill for Newbury Port & passed on the Southern side of the Merrimac through the pleasant towns & parishes of Bradford & Newbury. We saw the upper bridge & had a good view of the New Town Bridge. Mr. Hills of the upper parish gave us a particular history of the Settlement & of its first parish state. When we reached Newbury Port, we found the town making great preparations for the reception of Gov. Gore who was going to Maine, to Commencement at Brunswick College, so we hurried through the town & passed on the turnpike & bridge to Plum Island. We found the Turnpike Bridge in good order & a Hotel in a good style but not the shadow of an accommodation beyond the mere house. This it is said was occasioned by the high charges of the first Occupant which has deterred the customers & the house is now abandoned to very ordinary tenants. We just crossed the Island towards the line & then returned by Newbury Old Town, & entered the Turnpike near the Dummer Academy. Just after we entered we met the Gov. & his retinue & was obliged to stop & perform ceremonies with the Company, & we then passed on, left the turnpike & came through Rowley to Ipswich. At this place my friend found some of his Cambridge friends who invited us to the Ipswich end of Plum Island which is said to contain 3 good farms. We have promised to remember the invitation. My friend as an Antiquarian could find little entertainment from their Meeting House rocks from the print of a foot,* &c. After dinner we passed to Wenham & took tea with Capt. Elkins & visited his gardens, were entertained with female music & then passed through Beverly to Salem.

September 3 [1809]. Sunday. Note. Hanna Mascoll, d. of her G. Child Mascoll of Beverly.

5. The public mind is deeply interested in the Common fate of the Country Banks. Not only has one Bank shut up but many & the greatest doubts are entertained of the rest. In addition, the noted Brokers of Boston, Gilbert & Dean, have closed doors after having been very active in hastening this Crisis. Many are already injured by this work & it has become an apology for many a villain in the deranged state of his affairs. So that by many honest who are embarrassed & the many rogues who have a plea for their affairs, & from the present alarms of the Commercial world, we are in sad perplexity. The Spirit of Commercial

*Alluding to the traditionary leap of the Devil from the steeple and consequent footprint in the ledge in front of the meeting house.

speculation just roused after many perplexities is in a moment plunged into every fearful apprehension which unguarded enterprise & unbounded credit had given it. The events disclosing.

6. I went to Boston, visited the elegant Library of Mr. Buckminster of the Brattle street Church, & then the Athenaeum enriched by the Library of J. Q. Adams deposited in it. I then went to the Library of the Historical Society. I received the Tenth Volume of the Collections for which Mr. Freeman has finished a copious & most valuable Index. After visiting my friends I returned.

7. Found at Boston my Brother Dawes in the Old House with My Father while My Father still held a room & had a G. daughter to attend him. He says he is contented with his rents. My Brother Dawes is hungry. Not contented to hold a loan from me with the interest he is still ready to plead for other assistance. But I have not the confidence which will induce me to answer any of his demands. My Brother S[amuel] has entirely forsaken the Father & boards independantly of him.

8. The Patriot has begun an attack upon Pickering.

10. Sunday. The Degree of D. D. has been conferred upon D. Hopkins of Salem, by the C[ollege] at Dartmouth. Whether this candidate have any other claims than his age can give him is doubtful. He was first a Schoolmaster, then a disaffected part of the Tabernacle Congregation joined him. He was in the Council during some part of the Revolution. It is not necessary that a man be a man of science to be an old minister. Mr. Seth Payson, who was in my class at Cambridge, is the other Candidate & has been repeatedly in the Senate of New Hampshire. When I was at Rindge, his wife was apprehensive that he would suffer, as several of the family had done, by a delirium. His temper is melancholy but his talents unquestionable.

12. Our Parish Meeting adjourned from the want of numbers to make a regular meeting. Such is the attention of Commercial men to these institutions. This is unhappy at a time when fanatics are in all their fury. Preparations are making for the reception of the Governour upon his return from Maine. He has been visiting every part of the State. The Consequences are easily known. The shutting of Banks & the many cases of insolvency is the reaction upon the late prosperous state of our Affairs, in cons[equence] of the embarrassments of Commerce. A Mrs. Osgood, Directress of the Female Asylum, has died in Salem. She is much lamented as she lived much esteemed. Her husband was a practicing Physician* of Salem without education. Her children are well married. She was a Ward. Lucretia named. Building goes on briskly in Salem. We have six brick buildings now finishing in the eastern part of the town besides others in other quarters.

*Dr. Joseph Osgood.

13. Went with my pupil H[annah] C[rowninshield] to Nahant. Found the fishing plentiful & obtained a Tautaug of 10 lb. from my friends to bring with me to Salem. The air was pleasant at noon but cool at sunset. I found a few parties at the Great Nahant but they did not make the delays of summer. From this month to April it is a solitary residence, few excepting fishermen visiting them for these seven months. Invalids come in spring, pleasure parties in summer, a few neighbours in fall. Upon my return the news of the Great Battle* of July on the Danube, had reached Salem, confirmed in the most interesting circumstances.

14. The public opinion is becoming more indulgent to the Banks. It is said that serious encouragement is given for the redemption of them all. Events plainly prove that the Brokers have ruined the Banks, as no distinction is believed to exist between those which are still open & those already shut, but the toleration they have received in Seaport towns which could not be gained by the influence of patrons in the Country when suddenly pressed.

15. Our Proprietors of East Meeting House had their annual Meeting this day. B. Ward resigned as Collector & Treasurer & Clerk & Jonathan Archer was appointed in his stead. Mr. Ward has served ever since my ordination, & is now above 70 years of age. The trouble & difficulty of collecting was too great for him. Capt. Stone, our Moderator, resigned as advancing to 70 & Capt. James Chever takes his place. Capt. H. Prince takes the place of Jona. Archer.

16. Our friends returning from Andover report the disappointment, as the Council did not proceed to ordination. Several reports about mad dogs just at this time. I know nothing in justification of them. Our voyages from West Indies have not generally paid their expenses. Several failures in Salem, tho' not of great amount, are inconsistent with the high reputation this town has maintained for punctuality & sure payment. Most of the failures have been of inexperienced mechanics, ship masters & women, who have undertaken to be store Merchants, without calculations, & suffering from their foolish presumption.

17. Sunday. In the past week was a singular event in Church History. The North parish in Andover, had given a call to a candidate named [Samuel?] Gay from Dedham. The Call was given in the presence of only a fourth part of the legal votes. The talents of the man were questioned. He accepted his call. The disaffection increased. A Council of 13 Churches was assembled to Ordain him. No charges were brought directly against his morals or his doctrines. The Council consisted of the Associated ministers of the neighbourhood & Congregational church

*The battle of Wagram on July 5th and 6th.

to which the former minister belonged, of the Minister of Dedham, & such as circumstances rendered it proper to invite. The Council met in the Meeting House but by the noise were obliged to retire. On the next day the Candidate was persuaded to renounce his claims & the Council unanimously consented to the separation. It seems that the young man ought to have taken the hint from the opinions of the neighbouring ministers. It seems he spake freely of his opposers, & did not gain upon his friends. As it is a wealthy parish & of good standing, this event is more extraordinary.

18. Great preparations are making to receive Gov. Gore. It is not done unanimously but every effort is made for pompous parade.

19. Last even[ing] a notice to dine with Gov. Gore on Wednesday. The party boasted [at the] last dinner for Pickering, to have neglected me. Now his son John, is the signer of the Invitation, which I shall neglect. The guns this evening gave us notice that his Excellency was at Beverly.

20. In the Custom House boat I went to Baker's Island. It was a calm day & our sails were of no use on either passage & we obliged to ply our oars incessantly. We saw the seals sporting in the Offing & the porpoises playing. On the Island was brought the Dog fish taken near its shore. The fish were in great plenty round the Island. Upon our return the loon was entertaining us with the squalling. We were kindly entertained at the Island with the rabbits & fowls. The rabbits were much thinned last winter. We brought two away for the children, by consent. My two girls were with me H. C[rowninshield] & H. H[odges]. This is said to have been the calmest day for the year, by the boatmen who ply upon our waters. We had serene moonlight upon our return. In Salem, all the Uniform Company could not be prevailed upon to turn out. The Horse escorted the Gov. from Beverly & Capt. Derby's infantry from the public house to Dinner. About a quarter of the inhabitants felt interested. The Artillery discharged their pieces & at 8 o'clock I found the town in its usual tranquility in the same color as the Offing.

21. This day an unhappy young man named [David] Shepard put an end to his life by laudanum. He had long been in habits of intemperance & been disabled for the care of his family. His kindred are of the wild kind of fanatics. High colours upon feeble ground. This is the third example from the same cause since I have been in Salem. Hooper, Hearsey & Shepard. In whom the world has suffered no loss but in their very bad example. S. told the manner of his death.

23. Old Col. [Benjamin] Holden, one of the veterans of the American Army, with us from Princeton. He has a daughter married to a Capt. Addison Richardson in Salem, who was son

of [Isaac] Richardson who graduated at Camb. 1730, from Woburn. They were both in the Army together & promised to see each other once a year as long as they should live if it could be possible. Capt. R. has lately married the Col's daughter as his third wife.

24. Sunday. Last week I copied from MNS. of John Rogers of Ipswich, an account of the Removal of Jabez Fitch from Ipswich to Portsmouth & the measures of Council. It is in sm 4to. The first pages are taken with a MNS. Copy of Dissertationes, etc. The MNS. is in Latin. I copied out Mr. Roger's statement at full length & sent under a Cover to Dr. Eliot by him to be sent to Mr. Alden, to whom it was addressed, in consequence of some defect in his account of Jabez Fitch in his History of Portsmouth.

26. The visit of the Gov. to Salem has been dressed up with great pomp by his friends but the following facts may explain it. No bells were rung as in Newburyport & Beverly. No guns were fired but by a few artillery men on the Common. Most of the Uniform Companies refused to turn out. A Minority of the Clergy dined with him & not one hundred of our own citizens.

29. Mr. Prince with me from Newbury Port, & he assures me that he has succeeded to obtain for 100D. a thousand copies of Mr. Aiken's reply to Spring's Sermon to be printed with the sermon for the public use. It is said that the friends of Mr. Spring endeavoured to take his vile sermons out of circulation. Osgood has removed all the public censure. The Patriot thinks that the Divine, tho' he found his discourse false, would not be at the trouble to write another & commit it to memory & so delivered his rhapsody at the expence of his reputation. The Clergy suffer from such conduct. Our Ship Essex built in Salem, is noted as a fast sailer. In September she left the Light House off Newport at one, Wednesday Morning, & made Cape Henry Light House on Thursday morning at 8 o'clock & was moored in Norfolk Harbour at three the same day.

30. Finding that the painting of the Meeting House would certainly prevent the opening of the House for public worship, I determined to perform my engagements to Mr. R[ichardson] of Hingham, & so left Salem in the morning. I passed through Boston for the first time over the new road raising in the Mill pond, & by the Mall passed to the South bridge & by Commercial point & Neponset Bridge I passed to Quincy & dined at Newcombe's. I called upon Pr. Adams but found him to have gone abroad to dinner & left him some of the Endicott pears from the Tree of 1630 with my name & directions, *to the Man worthy to eat with our forefathers*. From Quincy, I pursued my way to Hingham, turning out of the Quincy turnpike at the Weymouth Landing & thence taking the old road.

October 1 [1809]. Sunday. I preached all day & assisted at the Communion at Hingham. I found a large congregation constant as yet in their attachments, but I should not be willing to trust my humble virtues in such a situation. The opposition have better education than his friends who are better men, but they are ceaseless & lawless in their attempts to convert everything into injury. Their society is small, expensive, & almost oppressive, so as to keep up the invitation. Both parties retain their aversions & refuse to cooperate in any designs. By being in favour with the ruling party of the State, they have prevailed on the Clergy to let Mr. R. stand almost alone so that he has constant labour & very little assistance. I wish that I could think better of his resolutions, tho' he at present continues well supported by his friends. Speaking of some measure adopted to give him firm hold of his friends, he observed incourteously: They were right, if the[y] work right. I do not find him such a Theologian as I could wish to support, tho' I feel for him as a man adured for his attachment to our present administration & that of Mr. Jefferson. I found that the Fanaticism of the times had obtained throughout this portion of our Country. Mr. R. had been prevailed upon by his friends to change with Dr. Baldwin, the Baptist minister of Boston. At Hanover, all the sects had entered from the divisions which had prevailed in that place. Even at Pembroke the Cong. Minister & even the Quakers had been disturbed in public worship by the fanatics. The little town of Hull is constantly visited by the little Sects. The printing of President Edward's works has been employed as a powerful vehicle of disseminating the Doctrine of Special Election, which he has associated with this doctrine of the will. The whole Impression it is given out has been sold, amounting in value to above 20,000 dollars. So say the zealots from their Masters. The belief obtains as was wished & does more for the cause than the reading of the books ever will do in the present generation. It is a powerful proof of success & of right. Mr. Griffith's Farewell Sermon at Newark, with his head engraved is in circulation. He tells of his hundreds of converts & his Church of 6 hundred. These wonders have greater power than argument with which the pathetic discourse cannot be said to abound. The Gospel Magazines, & Missionary Mag. are crowded into every part of our Country. The rage is for sects. Mr. Playfair who is forming a New Sect at Boston among the Baptists, different from Open or Shut Communion, is from Scotland with some companions. It is said the Adult Baptism by immersion was not in their old plan. The sects hate one another so seriously that we shall not fail of hearing of every defect real or pretended by some of their numerous vehicles of misinformation & spiritual scandal. Dr. Baldwin had given some of these hints

about his neighbours. Where the work is old it has not mellowed with age. Fanaticism has been accompanied with what in the cant of the spirit, is called Falling away, not only into gross sins but into shameful Infidelity, which is without decent respect to their own past professions. We cannot refuse to hope that in all this Storm some secret aid is given to rational religion, & that men in avoiding extremes will be happy in the mean, which restores submission to a Father, & the chearful duty of brethren. In the evening Mr. R. was surrounded by his friends who were in chearful friendship assembled at his house & we passed the evening agreeably. On the next day was the Visitation of the Schools. The other Ministers not associating with him or his friends, he was commonly left to all the duties of his profession on the occasion, but was excused from his service to spend a few hours with his friends & to be with the Selectmen & Committee at dinner to which we were invited. This day was uncommonly warm for the season.

2. Mr. Seth Lincoln & Charles Lincoln with their wives, & Mr. R[ichardson] & wife & Sister & My H. C[rowninshield] with me went for Hull. We found the distance 9 miles. We passed several miles on the road to Cohasset & then turned to the left nearly 2 miles over a rough road till we touched the sands at the head of the beach of four miles. On the land side of Point Alderton Head we crossed towards Hull & entered the Town on the west side & passing through it came, near the Meeting House & New School, out on the East side between Nantucket Great Hill & the Hill north of it. We visited the Great fort & deep well of 100 feet, which we found at a very dry time & on the top of the Hill, nearly full of water. We had a most extensive prospect on the hill of the Islands which lay before Boston & of the Light House & Islands, near to. A Ship, the John Adams, was then passing from England bound to Boston. We passed eastward of the Hill & soon regained our old route but did not pass over the sandy side of the beach but kept upon the Upland till we reached the foot of Strawberry Hill & having white head point within on the northern side. The land running down from the shore was called the World End & includes two beautiful Conical hills, not far easterly from Grape Island. Hog Island was seen off Hull & Bumkin Island not far from the beach as we passed. The Cohasset rocks were seen. As soon as we entered upon the soil, after passing the sands upon our return, we saw the rocks on S. side of the road strongly impregnated with iron from a spring, of which Dr. Spring of Watertown had given a favourable account, but we did not stop to examine it. We reached Fearing's on the plain about two & dined with the Fathers of the Town upon a very liberal & plentiful table. In the evening I met my former Companions at Mr. Seth Lincoln's

& spent the evening. While our young friends stole a few hours in addition to the evening in a social party at another house not far from us. A Dr. Gordon,* lately introduced & a pupil of Dr. Kittredge of Andover, was much caressed by our friends & he gave us some hours of his company. We saw many Gulls on the Beach. A large Heron between Point Alderton & Hull. Numerous small Birds. Two Houses were upon the beach for the relief of distressed Mariners. But it was found difficult to keep these houses furnished with the proper Implements.

3. We left Hingham for Pembroke. Just as we left the South Parish we saw the Queen Ann turnpike which, from the Weymouth landing, crosses into Plymouth road to avoid the circuitous route by the way of lower Weymouth & S. Hingham, 20 miles from Plymouth, Shopitt Meeting house still is standing upon the line of Hanover & Scituate, but has no incumbent. 4 miles from North river. The Episcopal Church in Scituate is distinctly seen from the road as we approach North river, about a mile eastward of it. After passing North River, at which they were employed in Ship building, we ascend a high hill & as we rise we see the Quaker meeting House with the square sharp roofs of the old Meeting Houses upon a smaller base than they usually contain which gives it a very uncommon appearance especially when we find the windows all closed with coarse wooden shutters. About a mile from the river I found Capt. John Bowker's & from his house went with him to see his Brother Albert Smith & the Minister Mr. Allen. A fulling mill & sawmill were in this neighbourhood. Being determined to return upon the Brid[g]ewater turnpike, Mr. Smith & Revd. Allen, before sundown accompanied me several miles onward for neither of them knew the distance to the Turnpike, & they found themselves mistaken many miles, expecting to find it at Torrey in Abington, when it was five miles below. The Meeting House in Pembroke stands high in the East parish. It was incorporated in 1712 & the young minister is preparing materials for a Century Sermon. In the burying ground lay interred Revd. Lewis & Smith, and a Grave stone is erected for their late young Minister, Mr. Hawley who died at his father's at Marshopee, where he was Missionary for the Indians. We found the best Oak Grove we had seen just as we passed the East Meeting House westward. We soon came up to the Indian Ponds which are separated by a narrow pass over which is the road & through which is an artificial canal. The narrow points which project into these ponds give them, romantic appearance. We are told that there are four ponds in East & two in west Pembroke. As we passed through the East parish & by the Minister's, Mr. Bastow, we

*Dr. William Gordon, born in Newbury in 1783.

†Assinnippi, the third precinct of Scituate, corrupted into Shappot.

saw a mill pond & beyond it the Meeting House, which has a turret, while the East Meeting House has none. The East Meeting House has been rebuilt. The venerable Dr. Hitchcock was in the West while Mr. Smith [is] in the East & both had a high reputation. We parted with our friends at the crossroads of Abington & Bridgewater & pursued our way from Bridgewater to Torrey's, which was the second House after entering Abington from West Pembroke, & here we found kind entertainment & Lodging. Here also boarded the new Minister, D. Thomas, lately ordained in this District.

Abington was incorporated in the same year with Pembroke. Its ministers were Revd. Browne, Dodd, & Niles. Mr. Niles is the present incumbent & nearly 70 years of age. He is much known in this part of the country, by his inclination for religious controversy, for his zeal for Hopkinsianism, & by his uncourtly appearance & manners. He is less timid in dispute than any of his neighbours or party, but is not among the first three, Edwards, Hopkins, & Emmons. He has not Edwards' acumen, Hopkins' authority, or Emmons' diction. The increase of the place has induced the eastern part of the town of which Mr. Torrey is head, & a greater number from Bridgewater who have long worshipped in Abington, from the greater distance of Bridgewater, & a few families from Pembroke, to erect a Meeting House & settle a minister under the name of Abington S. Meeting House, three miles from the old meeting H. The New Meeting House is modelled upon the South Meeting in Boston, with two turrets in front connected by a piazza & pediment. The old meeting has a tall spire in the second fashion of building introduced in the last Century to succeed the pitched roof & central turret of the first & preceding century. Mr. Torrey says there is no brook in Abington. They have lately erected a Wind Mill for Corn upon a new construction. Their water mills are moved only by waters collected from the rains upon the plains. That they have no brooks is not contradicted by anything we saw in passing through the length of the town, but it is contradicted by the maps. We saw a few locust trees, and very few, & but few beehives. We did not touch the Turnpike which passes into Bridgewater till we reached the bounds of Weymouth. The upper meeting House, in which is Revd. Williams, is handsome with a tower & spire & bell & well painted. We saw nothing in the cultivation of the land which could entitle it to much distinction. At Mr. Torrey's we were surprised by an unusual sound from the trees, which was as loud & hoarse as the duck, & upon enquiry we were told the noise was from the Crickets, and as different from anything heard from the Cricket in our part of the Country as we could imagine. We suspected

no such thing. My Companion was inquiring in the house while I was of the Landlord. Much is not known of this Insect. The Wood Cricket is said to be of a blackish colour, head larger in proportion, eyes big & prominent, the feelers without joints. The Female differs much from the Male. The writer compares the sound to the quail pipe. After entering Boston I passed out by the new Bridge to Lechmore's point, & thence over Charlestown neck to the Salem Turnpike. With difficulty we recur to the idea of a person as lost going from Boston to hear Mr. Sheppard at Cambridge. It will be made more difficult to conceive that at the present time the road from the new Bridge is cut through a thicket which has at present no mark of the approach of man but in cutting down the Trees.

5. Mr. Gray, our Great Merchant, introduced to me at my house, Hon. John Pope, Senator of U. S. for Kentucky. He has a good person & a patriotic language & was entitled to notice. The republicans assembled at the Sun & gave him a dinner & the hours passed kindly on. Mr. Gray observes that the old lines of separation before were still fixed. Mr. P[o]pe gave us some assurances of his intended return to Salem for a longer visit. Mr. Gray deserves well of his Country.

6. We had the alarm of fire on the Common. This is the third time that Mr. [Nehemiah] Adams has lost his shop by fire. The fire was occasioned by the neglect of a man who worked in the upper loft of the building in boiling his varnish. The building burnt to the eaves & was much injured. The principal part of the Contents were saved. It stood Corner of Williams st.

7. Miss Betsey Dodge, æt. 27, died Sept. 23, after confinement of a whole year. She had been addressed by a young man who, at the importunity of friends, forsook her, under a charge which the progress of her disease amply refuted. She was a girl of uncommon intellectual attainments. She gave charge for all her funeral ceremonies & assigned the person to perform the funeral service. She was early of my Communion. Last Friday died Jonathan Peele, æt. 79. He never before had known sickness. He was before the revolution employed in the West India trade in which he was successful. He married a Mason. He has left a son Willard Peele, of a well informed mind & of a liberal education. The Father was remarkable for natural strength of mind but without any cultivation, confirming his knowledge to his experience in business. He had a powerful voice, but a very excellent disposition, & was much esteemed by all conditions of men. He was a leading man in the interests of the first Church in Salem. In my absence died John Fairfield, æt. 63. This man was in good reputation & standing when I came to Salem. Of a most violent spirit, but of great activity & industry. In his

domestic relations he was not quite happy, & his resentments were furious & ended in very irregular habits. His wife became as rampant in fanaticism as he in vice, & she has been seized with strong convulsions, palsy & apoplexy. The daughters follow the Mother. The Sons have good prospects & good habits.

8. Sunday. Notes. John Dodge & wife, d. of his Sister Eliza, prayers for a Brother absent at sea. She confined a year. Jesse Richardson & wife, d. of her Sister E. Dodge. of our Church. This day Hon. John Pope with us from Kentucky. He informs us that the observance of public worship is not deemed in that country so indispensable an obligation as in New England. He professes that our habits justify our choice. Aiken's Letters to Spring, on his Fast Sermons, have been interesting lately. He refutes with spirit the libels of the man who coolly replied upon comparing his effects with those of Osgood. Brother O. sinned against light & acted with all light. The Sermon & the reply are printed together.

9. This morning with several friends, accompanied Mr. Pope to Marblehead. We were received with great attention. The guns at the Fort were discharged. We were received at the houses of Mr. Wilson, the Collector, & of J. Prince & Nathan Martin Esqr. & we had invitations which we could not obey. We called on Mr. Selman, a worthy patriot, & were conducted to the Fort & through the principal streets of the Town. At the forks of the road we dismissed some of our Salem friends & were escorted by some from Marblehead as far as the beaches, & from thence we passed through to Lynn to the Hotel, & there we parted with Mr. Pope with assurances of another visit.

10. Received a letter from President Adams on the subject of the Endicot Pears. After an apology I informed him of the Dial as fixing the Age of the Tree near which it was placed. I informed him of my wish to preserve portraits of our Eminent men. I feel that too much cannot be done to encourage the patriotism of John Adams or to express the public gratitude.

11. We dined last Sunday with B. Crowninshield Esqr., very sumptuously & this day at Mr. Silsbee's very elegantly. These entertainments were in hospitality to Mr. Pope. The guests not all the same. In the afternoon Mr. Pope had an opportunity of seeing our Uniform foot companies. Mr. Pope is received by the Republicans.

12. Went with Hon. Mr. Pope to dine at Marblehead. We were politely received at Mr. Wilson's & a company met us at dinner at Rhea's Tavern. They provided a handsome dinner, received us cordially, & after tea at Capt. Wilson's we returned to Salem. The second visit after every attempt to accomodate us had not the zest which distinguished our first visit. The Officers of the Fort with us.

13. Heard Mr. Ogilvie deliver his Lecture on War, at the Hamilton Hall. He had a respectable audience exceeding 200 persons of the best condition in town & of all parties. In his delivery he had not the ease which was expected, which he imputed to the exercise of his Memory upon a Lecture he had delivered once before only. He traced war to five Causes, Superstition, Loyalty, Territory, Commerce, & Love of Liberty. He exhibited the French Emperour in strong Colours. He recited several poetical pieces. More of nature in his manner would have been pleasing but still his powers claimed respect. Opinions are various.

14. Dined with Mr. Ogilvie at Dr. Little's in company with Dr. Oliver. He amused us much with his conversation which abounded with anecdote. He declared himself the son of Ogilvie, author of Poem on Providence & a minister in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He has been reading his Lectures in different parts of our Country.

15. Sunday. Notes. Edward Hays & family, d. of a Brother. Grace Hampson, d. of a Grandson. Several Manuscripts which have lately fallen into my hands give me the Mem. made at Meeting in Cambridge by the Celebrated President Leveret, G. S. of Gov. Leverett & they are of value not only in discovering how that pulpit was supplied, but in giving some idea of the method of Sermons by the Great Brattle. It seems that President Leverett was with Mr. W. Brattle in the Instruction of the College at Cambridge, & Mr. Pemberton succeeded him. The Mem. of Sermons were made during his Tutorship & while he was President of the College. In all there are three Books.

17. This evening I was with Mr. Oglivie & heard his Lecture on Suicide. The arguments were declaratory. The plea was given from the few hopes of life, the liberty to accomodate it in lakes & rivers & in arts & the example of Great men. Suicides not embracing a contemptible class of men, but heroes, genius & virtue. The answer was rather sympathetic. What could justify Le Place in forsaking the scenes of his usefulness. What evils, should the example be general. He then passed to the solemnity of a future retribution. He might have said ingenious things upon the morality & associations of the antients & plead much from the generous courage which satisfies a man from himself. Education.

18. In Salem we had the Horse on parade & several militia companies. The weather mild. I was this day at three P. M. surrounded by the Grass hoppers leaping round me on the extremity of our Neck. Wrote & executed a Will for Geoffrey Moritz of Dusseldorf, a seaman sick at Francis La Marr's the object of which was to reward Francis for his great attention to the sick man who has been long confined at his house.

19. At the request of Mr. Henry Rhust of Salem, æt. 72, the friend of my youth, I applied to the D[eputy] G[rand] M[aster] John Saunders Esqr. for permission to have a Masonic procession at the funeral of his Brother Capt. John Rhust of Gloucester, æt. 77. Upon the Consent of the Brethren I went to Gloucester this day, & preached from Eccl. vii. 2. About 40 Brethren were together & a great concourse of Spectators. The funeral service was read at the Grave & the Mourners from Salem returned to Salem in the same evening. Capt. J. R. had never been married, it was said in consequence of an early disappointment. He left a handsome estate. A Brother & Sister survive him. The family came from Ipswich. I asked the Minister of Gloucester, Mr. Lincoln, to begin a History of this place. He knows nothing of any minister before Emerson. White, Chandler & Forbes succeed him in the Harbour parish. In 1699, Mr. Emerson was Schoolmaster in Salem, & continued till he died in 1712. I promised to assist him by all such documents as might fall into my hands. He reports that there are no antient records left.

21. Had Mr. Ogilvie, the Orator, with Dr. Little, Col. Lee & Esqr. Dearborn, to dine with me. Mr. O's powers in conversation are quite equal to his talents as an Orator. His abundance of Anecdotes furnishes much entertainment & he has not failed to supply himself from all places he has visited. He has hitherto been received very honourably in Salem.

22. Sunday. Note. G. Southward & wife, d. of G. Child. pr. for Son at Sea. The Universalist of Salem, after having preached at Danvers with some convulsions, has repeatedly visited Reading. In consequence, the people have appointed a Fast, it is to be hoped not to smite with the Fast of wickedness. We may abhor Itinerant preachers & besotted fools, but we are apt to be too wroth in our attempts to chastise them. This too serves to be remarked that in the violent times of 1742, [William] Hobby of Reading, wrote in defence of Itinerants, especially Whitefield, & brought the vengeance of the Thinking Divines upon him in the "Sprig of Birch for Billy's breach"* It is now a fact no place in this vicinity is more scourged by these Itinerants than Hobby's parish in Reading. At Cape Ann, after Sermon on Thursday & upon the return of the funeral procession, an entertainment was given. I confess, tho' there was no fiddling as at Manchester, yet there was some fuddling. It was said the Minister at Manchester was called up to fiddle, & changed his tune before morning. In general there is great solemnity at our funerals & nothing like feast-

*A Twig of birch for Billy's breach: a letter to the Rev. Mr. William Hobby, a pastor of a church in Reading. Being a gentle and necessary correction of him, for his folly and wickedness lately published to the world, in a piece entitled, A Defence of the itinerary and the conduct of the Rev. Mr. Whitefield. By J[ohn] C[leave]land]. Boston, 1745, pp. 13.

ing at what are called the Refreshments. In Cape Ann they have so few visits from Strangers that they are obliged to form parties of pleasure frequently & indulge in all festivity of a short visit, for they afford little entertainment but in what we call making welcome with good cheer.

23. I should have informed President Adams that when F. Higginson arrived, he mentions the Gov[ernour's] House particularly as among the Houses he found then built in Salem as then bounded.

24. This day, the Brigade Review from indulgence to the New Governour. B. Gen. Goodale ordered it in Danvers, upon the plains above the Mills. The Gloucester regiment was excused & the Cadet Company of Salem did not appear from some point of honour. The Salem, Beverly, & Lynn Regiments were on the ground, & the Marblehead Regiment which is Artillery. The four Regiments which did appear were not so full as at the last Review. The Gov. passed to Danvers from the lower Meeting house. Salem was almost evacuated. The silence in our streets & cessation of business gave such an appearance as I had never seen before as I never visit the Town on Sunday & have never tarried in town before on such an occasion. The Troops returned after dark very quietly. The town was still at eight o'clock & the evening soon became as silent as the day.

25. Sent my letter to Gen. Lovejoy, Andover, enquiring about a minister named Fry & a settler named Peters & the H. of the town. Spent the afternoon at the Fort & took Coffee at Allen's farm with Lieut. Welsh & some young females, one from Andover. The weather mild. Endeavouring from some imperfect materials to obtain a portrait of my old friend Gen. Fiske. A portrait, three quarter face, was taken while he was in the Naval service, but unfinished, by Cole & Blythe. They were wretched daubers at best but they had much employment from the money of the privateer men. None of their portraits are finished but they sometimes have taken likenesses. These were the only persons who undertook at that time. That of Fiske very bad. It is servile. His vigour, his ready soul are not easily painted.

26. It was my lot to spend the evening with several quacks & what is worse with an Ignorant Infidel heated by intemperance in the free use of ardent spirits. They were all inspired like [?] Preachers, talk best in their sleep. The only Compliment an old Quack could pay me was that he was at my Church but so sleepy he could not keep his eyes open. The Infidel capped it. That the subjects of the pulpit were no way interesting to mankind. They have not a jot of understanding. They mean to pass not as fools but as wits.

27. The Theme of Conversation is the Insolvency of John Philips of Andover, son of the late Lieut. Gov. who was founder

of the Theological Institute of Andover. Some of our Salem friends have suffered. The subject is not well enough known to be fairly reported but it was thought there was no end to his money. He has been very irregular in his habits & this is the true cause of his sufferings. Our neighbour [Hannah], wife of W[illiam] Gray [jr.], was buried this day. She was H[annah] Ashby, Wid. Young & W. G's second wife, æt. 59. She was cut by Warren last year for a Cancer.

29. Sunday. Notes. John Dyseton, d. of his wife Mehitable. He from Sea. William Crispin & wife & Children, d. of d. Nancy, & of a Son in law abroad. Sally Johnson, d. of her Husband abroad, a daughter of Crispin. 9 ministers now remain in Essex who were in it when I was ordained in 1783, and three of them in Salem, out of 45 then Incumbents. The failure of Hon. John Philips in Andover, has not a favourable aspect upon the Jesuits College at that place. To the donation of his father he added several thousand of dollars & by his failure he has involved many in great embarrassment. One of my parishioners has a demand of many thousand dollars & this is but a part of the losses sustained in Salem. It is supposed that Andover will receive a heavy shock, as the credit of the family had given him great opportunities to take advantage of the credulity of the Inhabitants. These apprehensions from the Theological Institution have made many persons very attentive to this extraordinary event.

30. Last Saturday was buried my old friend Daniel Jacobs, æt. 99. He was born in 1711 in January & lived upon the allotted lands in Northfields which his Ancestor G[eorge] Jacobs received in 1677. He was very chearful & I have seen him at work mowing in his fields many years after he was 90 years of age. He attended a few years ago on foot at our celebration of 4 July, & dined in public with the company. His sister, the Widow Endicot, died last August aged 91, & born in 1718. Mr. Jacobs always enjoyed temperance & competence & had a mind much at ease. He died at his Daughter's, who married Gen. G[ideon] Foster, a descendant from one of the primitive planters of the North fields. I maintained an acquaintance with Mr. D[aniel] J[acobs] with great pleasure. My only presents used to be of the best Tobacco I could find. Some anecdotes of his manners may be found elsewhere. One I repeat. Having fixed wooden schewers in his working jacket in stead of the best buttons, I asked him why he did not get buttons. He replied, the Jacket will outlast the owner, & he did not wish to spend time upon rags to give them to posterity.

31. Gen. Stark, my old friend above four score, who published his Letter to Mr. Jefferson & lately to the friends associated to celebrate his victory at Bennington, on the spot on which it was obtained, has lately published a Letter in answer to a Let-

ter addressed to him from Salem, Washington C., N. York, 17 Sept. 1809. The Answer is dated at Derryfield, "My Quarters," 10 Oct. In this Letter, speaking of British hirelings he says "The most dangerous part of these hirelings are still in the Country. Others in republican simplicity, declare, we can never be independent till we can supply all our necessary wants within ourselves." He then in the language of Scripture has his strokes for Lawyers & Merchants & adds "it is a little remarkable that these two professions have preserved this character so long. It is now above 1800 years." They promise to pray for his life, but he says, I have lived full long enough & after promising to continue to do his best he adds "And I exhort you all, that in your praying not to forget to watch too." He closes, "My strongest friendship as long as you maintain the spirit I found among you in 77." John Stark.

November 2 [1809]. Dined with Capt. John Prince & Dr. White of Marblehead at Princes. Fully discovered the jealousies of the Republicans. The Collector Wilson & friends dependant on the Government treat their Brethren Pierce & Martin as not worthy of their associations, & hence it was that at the late dinner to Mr. Pope no persons were present but of a particular description tho' invited. I spake freely against it & probably may be blamed. We have nothing of that kind in Salem. The republicans of Salem are too much alike to differ upon that account. Saw one thing in Marblehead. A poor man had substituted his hog for his dog that he might have nothing superfluous about him. His hog assists to dig his clams, travels with him & picks up his food & sits down where his master stopped to be ready to attend him & to give notice where he is to be found. In my Letter to President Adams I added, Nov. 1, such collateral evidence of the pear tree as occurred to me. That the Gov's House existed in 1629 upon the arrival of Francis Higginson. From Hazard's papers I shewed Endicott's appointment, the provisions for planting the Lands in May, 1629. The provision for a Gardiner, for William Ryal the Forester, in Hazard, p. 262. In a letter to Gov. Endicot, from the Company in England, 17 Ap. 1629, I quoted the following article—As for fruit stone & kernels, the time of the year fits not to send them now. Some purpose to do it for next. After the first allotment of Lands was a Regulation of Government with the Free men, May, 1632, & then the Grant of that Court 3 July 1632, of Endicott's farm as specified in the former letter. In May, 1634, the General Court had exclusive power to dispose of Lands & the Gov. had other Grants. Then the Salem Records of Grants begin 8m 1634.

3. An uncommon day. The flies in full activity & in passing through North fields, I did not find a step without a Cricket or grasshopper. I have not yet felt the necessity of a fire in my

studies & have had none. The month of October which has uniformly been of the greatest mortality has this year been of the least. Upon the whole the year has been favourable to vegetation. There have been many discoveries of our natural riches, great additions to our settlements, an uncommon increase of roads, bridges, & turnpikes, & remarkable encouragement to our domestic manufactures of every name.

4. A Letter to Gen. Stark of this date per post. Sir, in a late letter from P[resident] M[adison] he expresses himself in the following manner. "The gratitude & admiration which I feel, in a degree exceeded by no citizen, for the venerable Hero of 77 & inflexible Patriot of 1809," &c. Persuaded that nothing could afford him more pleasure than some expression of your confidence & esteem, in my own behalf & without any suggestion from, I wish that I might receive from you some communication addressed to him or me, which might justify those mutual congratulations which distinguished patriots owe each other & by which they strengthen their own hopes & the hopes of their country. I have read your Letter to the people of Bennington & to the County of Washington & shall keep them as the choicest papers of my country. I shall continue to send you the Newspapers & such other publications as may be pleasing to you. I send you P. A. C. the 2 first nos. & shall continue them. The good old man & his Son are doing us all the good in their power, with &c.

5. Sunday. Note. Joseph Newhall & wife, d. of youngest child, p. for fr. at sea. From political prejudice, the only man of my Communion besides my Warden, who was constantly at home, left my worship. He openly declared he had no objection to anything in the Meeting House, or indeed to me. He has moved further into town & preferred another association. This obliged me to call upon my Congregation as a point of honour not to leave me & a reputable Church of females unsupported. I hope that I shall not have again called in vain. I noticed in the Lecture that this was Old Pope day & read the Psalm appointed, discrediting the report of a Popish plot as a political one only. Mr. B[olle]'s Indisposition in the Baptist Brick M. House, induced him to permit a young converted Sailor, after a mad excursion in which he run away from his friends, sold his clothes, & was converted, to go last Sunday into his pulpit to the great edification of the Ghostly, but not without some murmurs from those who love decency & order even in religion. Named Clark. When Beverly Lower Town divided & 50 members went off, the 100 who remained instead of dividing stock or plate agreed to give a sum equal to any possible demand & to avoid all difficulty in division, taking a receipt of the new Church in full of all demands. Intended in the most peaceful effect & to mutual satisfaction. But they have had no intercourse since from the

prejudices of seperation. The Baptists do not increase in that quarter under M. Williams.

6. The Quantity of Counterfeit Money has been very great & it is detected in every part of the Union. The Boasted Stereotype of Perkins has already been imitated so far as to deceive common eyes, tho' the Author thought his last invention beyond imitation.

8. Last evening Mr. Ogilvie delivered an oration to the Female Asylum & collected for them 120 dollars. A strange repugnance appeared to this measure & Mr. O. assured me that a great part of his audience, of the polite part, which had attended his other lectures did not appear. Not one of the Clergy was present & not a third of the Company was of Gentlemen. In vain did Mr. Ogilvie prove that he had performed the same service in other Cities & even in Philadelphia, the prejudice remains that it was improper in itself & begging of strangers. So when we get a band, or any attraction to bring persons together, they do not treat themselves but if they bear all the expences, still the player treats them.

9. Thursday died Geoffrey Moritz of Dusseldorf for whom I wrote a will at Francis LaMarts on Oct. last. He died of a Dropsy & was peculiarly careful to reward the attention paid to him at the house in which he was received. He was 45 years of age. Had been repeatedly in the States & had been settled in Surinam, from which place he came to Salem for his health. He was a tradesman & had been a Colonial merchant. Capt. Coles of Saco has died in the same neighbourhood.

11. October, which for 25 years has been uniformly the highest upon the hill of Mortality, has this year been the lowest & the mean of greater heat than in last Oct. has been 8 degrees at the four times of observation. At sunrise, noon, 3 p. m. & 10 in the evening. A Meeting has been called by the Tradesmen on the subject of usurer's Interest. In truth, the great prosperity of past years has induced the artizans to unite their employments with that of the Merchants & to proceed upon borrowed money to build, provide stock & even furnish their houses sumptuously. And as soon as trade returns to its regular channels or meets with any obstructions, few of them escape from ruin. The change in lending has aggravated the fate of these uninformed & bold adventurers.

12. Sunday. Notes. Sarah Knight, d. of her G. Son N. Knight upon his return from West Indies at Nantucket, a young man, pr. son at sea. Francis Lamarts, d. of Geoffrey Moritz, a stranger in his family, from Dusseldorf, last from Surinam, & d. of his Brother in Law. This Brother in Law is John Ostrom who marr. his wife's sister, d. of Sarah Knight. The Almanacs with remarks of Nathan Bowen Esqr. of Marblehead, falling in-

to my hands for 1741, 2, 3, 4, 7. I thought to retain such as relate to the County of Essex in regard to the New Light Times. When we suffered from the common infection. He was of reputation. "This town of Marblehead seems infatuated about what the people call Religion. Some of the fishermen and others of like powers pretend to extraordinary gifts. One of them (namely T. Salter) has set up a meeting for evening devotion & is attended by Crowds of women, &c. I have heard that a woman's meeting is on foot, & to my great wonder these practices are encouraged from the pulpit by Mr. Bradstreet, tho' I should think they tend directly to subvert the good order in society which it is his peculiar office to maintain." He then blames the Dissenting Clergy for practices condemned in the Ch. of Eng. June, 1742. Feb. 1742. "This town seems greatly disturbed after one Rhodes & other mean people who pretend to an extraordinary share of the spirit, by force whereof they draw together silly women, &c. in great multitudes & have the impudence to denounce others, &c. have thrown some of their weakest into swoons which they said is a sign of conversion. A stupid ignorance." He then again expresses astonishment that the ministers should assist & adds they deserve the utmost contempt for this encouragement. He says "Even carters, coblers, & the meanest labourers leave their honest employments & turn Teachers, Ichabod, New England." "The Grand Amusement seems to be in Religion. But the worst of it is it is more in theory than practice. This week young Crocker a new famous preacher came to Salem, & preached there to a great Croud. He is a Boanergas, it seems. The old women were affrighted into fits of shrieking & the utmost confusion. Some of the more thinking of the town are put in mind of the fall of 1692. What may be the Catastrophe God only knows." March 10, remarking of the Comet which then appeared, he says "There is a Similitude between this Comet & the New Light. It made its appearance from the southward as Whitefield from Georgia & Tennant from the Jersies, &c. This brought terror in the Ignorant, so did the other. Witness, the wild disorder at Newbury, Ipswich, & other places where the priests made it their constant business to affright the Ignorant people into distraction as tho' the only way to Heaven was through Bedlam. The Comet by approaching the [?] left most of its Lustre & terror, so we hope the hot spirit of Enthusiasm in this part of the Globe is on the decline. Our Priest Bradstreet has been retrograde sometime, is now stationary, & we expect he will soon be direct again & I hope this will be the case of many of the rest of them. Some prophesied a high tide on 25, none came. How prone the people to Superstition.

Mr. B's journal continues 30 March 1742. "Went to Court, Ipswich. Went to Mr. Rogers evening exercises where M. Rogers

advanced tenets much below the dignity of the Christian Scheme. Tho' he dealt in thunder, fire & brimstone yet it was done in so lazy a manner as not to raise one crying out, & not one poor sinner have we heard of converted that night. At the Lecture next day & in the evening friday after he heard of greater effusions or rather confusions, in that assembly. Buel is now at Charlestown bewitching the people." He again is astonished that any of the ministers should assist & adds Poor Bradstreet when will these see & be wise? In April he says "The poor town of Charlestown is now suffering the impertinence of Croswell & Buel, two Itinerant preachers. Their manner is a disgrace to the Christian Scheme. O Charlestown & New England. Poor Rand hanged himself I presume on this account. May 3 Went to Boston. It seems as tho' the Clergy of Boston were coming a little to rights. They still cabal & hold their solemn assemblies." This evil he attributes to wrong notions of religious Liberty & to the dependance of the ministers. He says the whole dependance of most of them is little superior to the wages of a porter or day Labourer. Few go to the ministry that have power enough to get estates out of it. These poor Creatures are the watchmen of the people. "In this condition Whitefield found us in 1740, & in a public manner from Town to town testified against the stupidity, idleness & ignorance of these Gospel workers in sheeps cloathing. This soon awakened these sleepy shepherds, who like men in a fright set too with all their might to throw down the man of sin & in imitation of Whitefield, as near as they could, whom they resembled as a boy of two years old would a Dancing master, & cast about firebrands as Solomon's Madmen. He then goes on with his comparison & adds "Women & Common negroes undertake to exhort their betters even in the pulpit, before large assemblies, many instances of which daily occur in many places. Some of the Boston Clergy secure their flocks from the common enemy, but the more sanguine drive on night & day. The rough Gentry now take liberties which 12 months ago would have been deemed impious from contempt of the Clergy & they reap the fruit of their own doings, without regard from the more thinking part of mankind. On 26 May I heard at the French Church in Boston, a Mr. Colwell, an Irish Gent from Matt. 7, 15v. He dared to be honest, having no dependance, & in a fair & rational manner proved that W[hitefield]d, T[ennan]t, & the rest of the Clan were wolves in Sheep's Cloathing. He boldly defended the course of truth before a large assembly of the Clergy. July 1. On 25 ult Davenport arrived at Charlestown & is now preaching in Boston. He ought to be used as he was treated in Connecticut. His Stand is on the Common nearer to Bedlam than Whitefield's & it is hoped by the more sober that he will soon be taken within the walls. O N. E. Whitefield robbed

the of thy pence. Tennant the weak of their senses. Since Crosswell, Buel & others have confounded Confusion & Davenport is the Wonder of the Mob & the Scorn of the Wise. O My Country. Aug. 2. We have been happy in Marblehead under the protection of Mr. Bernard. What a scene of folly has N. E. been in for 2 years past. Scarce a town but has had a part in this Tragedy or rather Comedy. How will it appear in future History. In the days of Ignorance was 1692. But what is the excuse in our own times. Blind zeal & enthusiasm have produced the General Distractions. Aug. 4. I was at Charlestown. Davenport held forth under an apple tree at Charlestown. He is now gone eastward & preached this week at Ipswich in the Meeting House, which I believe is the first into which he has been admitted since he came to Boston & I wish it may be the Last. Aug. 21 Davenport was indited for Disorderly Behaviour & refused bail & went to Goal. To go at large is evil. Persecution is the Devil.

"1743, Feb. 2d. Mr. Bradstreet was so imprudent in the midst of his Sermon to tell Mr. Proctor not to read the Psalm Book while he was delivering the divine Oracles. Thus he offended one of his best benefactors. A Priest is a Priest. March 31. At Ipswich Court Emerson preached a rousing Sermon which lasted about 2 hours, after which to my great surprise Rogers like a mad man from one of the pews cried out, Come to Christ, without intermission while an old woman in the back seats was with a loud & bitter cry exclaiming against the Lawyers, as in a damnable state, which engaged part of the multitude, while D. Rogers engaged the rest. This scene lasted about half an hour. Then the old woman ceasing another on her knees with hands uplifted began a fit of raving, which lasted till near 10 at night. This behaviour is not to be expressed by words. Over her head a mean fellow preached to the people from Jude 10—13 & had the impudence to apply the Apostle's words to those who did not believe that this bawling woman was under the spirit of God. Ipswich & Newbury are to be pitied by all sober Christians. These two women are said to be in favour with Rogers & employed by him.

"May 10. Went to Superiour Court. No signs of the work at this Lecture. The reason was they were ashamed of the confusion in the Court Lecture in March & care was taken to prevent it at this Lecture. The spirit is thought to be on the decline. But Rogers is still thought busy with his little arts to work up the people. The Accounts from Scotland I hope will have a tendency to convince us of our folly in adhering to Whitefield. June 1. Our Religious affairs seem pretty well settled & Religion seems to be the same thing after all, as before Whitefield turned our heads, that is, To fear God & keep his Commandments. Aug. 11. Mr. Bradstreet forbid one man Communion

upon an idle suggestion of his wife by which he lost one of his best benefactors. 19 June 1744. Our religious disquiets have subsided, save that Ipswich & some other places have been visited by Woodberry, the prophet of the New Light, who has disturbed their peace & of whom shameful accounts are given. Bradstreet is not quite yet reduced to his reason, but dwells on the gloomy side of things. Good reasoning seems to be fled from that sacred place which formerly was its highest glory, when the Preacher seemed in the Desk anything the people could not understand, or reasonably believe." He adds by reference, "Holyoke, now President of Harvard College." Such is the Spirit of the remarks so far as they relate to persons & facts, without the repetitions & reflections.

15. Several arrivals discover to us the continued embarrassments of trade & disclose to us the principles of Mercantile adventures. A Company of Merchants would be poor Statesmen for the public liberty.

18. In Mr. Ogilvie's Lecture of Nov. 8, which has occasioned much talk, occasioned by the lazy interference of a Mr. Russel & the Baptist Teacher Bolles, who insinuated to a good credulous woman what has brought much censure upon the Charity. Such is the influence of the ignorant upon sincere & good minds & the best, sure of good intentions & little able to bear the censure of the world are thus deeply wounded. A friend showed me the strictures upon Ogilvie's Oration in Salem Gazette of Nov. 3. A person who never heard them might have thus written as there is nothing appropriate & nothing true. They have been attributed to some book girl, but more probably to some sophomore. The Gazette told us that this effusion had been highly praised in another paper but it was suspected by the author or the immediate friends of the Author but this was only conjectured from circumstances.

19. Young Mr. Stephens who graduated at Cambridge & lately died at Andover, was firm against the superstitious opinions established near his home & submitted to no ghostly instructions from these Jesuits of New England. The following character appeared at Worcester & from personal value of the young man I preserve. "Died at Andover, Samuel Stephens A. B. This young man (heir to an unpropitious fate while he lived) qualified himself for admission into Harvard University in the intervals between his hours of manual labour. At College he was the ornament of a Class that would do honour to any literary institution. His talents were ingenious & powerful. In Natural Philosophy, Mathematics, Metaphysics & Poetry he was much distinguished. He was graduated last Commencement, high in the estimation of the Government & Students. His principles were good, his morals pure, his life innocent, his death

lamented, &c." Mrs. Rogers who entrusted her son Wm. to his care, transcribed this Character which is written by a young friend & to it is added a repitition from sympathy, when it dwells upon its favourite subjects & makes the same thoughts rich by repeating them.

20. This day we had our First Snow to cover the ground. It began about noon & fell with little wind & in mild atmosphere.

21. The snow continued to fall all this day but not in great quantity.

23. Mr. Becket prepared to launch a Ship* of the firm of Crowninshield, but was too late in his manner & disappointed the Company.

24. Began a Snow storm at night & continued with brisk wind N.N.W. & round to N. E. It continued to snow till one P. M. & then the Snow was less, but the wind continued high with a little snow till night. Mr. Becket persisted in launching his ship & at length succeeded. Mr. P. while in Salem, observed he should have an unequivocal love of Republicanism if he did not see the virulence of party. I find even in Salem, parties hate each other as much as French & English hate each [other] in time of war. The virulence of the Gazette, under the direction of Pickering, tells us as much & I have been repeatedly told that I am to be the victim. Pickering's want of talents equal to his malignity tends to increase the latter as the other fails.

26. Sunday. Note. Eliz. King & children, d. of their Son William at Martinico. The father a Wanderer. An ingenious mechanic but full of projects, & what he gains from one, he loses in another. The Father is now upon his pilgrimages & [the] family at Salem. The Son, an amiable youth, was sent with a machine for portraits† upon an adventure to Martinico & died in that climate about 20 years of age. I confess that the character of William Hubbard of Ipswich, in Hist. Collections, vol. X, p. 33, seemed a strange jumble of fancies. As there is no mention made of Hubbard as a preacher, as of many of his contemporaries, a solution has not been sought in his private life but in the guess work of Imagination, and Mr. Frisbie of Ipswich, a Melancholy man & finally deranged, is brought forward with a story from an old deacon that remembered something about his last wife. This is trifling with history. If it be asked why Hubbard is not so much known as those who laboured with him, compare circumstances. Norton was known at Boston & removed before Hubbard could be known. He depended not on Ipswich for his fame. Corbet was at Lynn & there published his valuable theological works, but nothing is given him from Ipswich to assist his fame. Rogers had posterity to uphold him, & ancestors & kindred to assist his

*Brig Diomede.

†For cutting silhouettes.

fame. But the high honour done to W. Hubbard in calling him to preside at Commencement, his sermons on great occasions, & his valuable publications, prove that he was not overlooked or forgotten. That he began his regular ministry at Ipswich in 1660 appears from the series of sermons in that pulpit & his beginning with that year. That Fitch was in that pulpit before he left it does not appear & his retirement to his patrimony & to the ease of private life accounts for the absence of all public expences at his interment. What he was before he died may be seen from the Sermons of John Rogers in 1701, about three years before he died & when Mr. Hubbard had passed eighty years of age. The Sermons were delivered upon the Condemnation of Esther Rogers* for murder. In the preface by Wm. Hubbard, H. says every thing kind of the exertions of Mr. Rogers & of his success. He may be added to the instances of Sr. Jervace Ellowis, Jacobus Andrews & others which Mr. Clarke's History recites in the life of the Rev. Mr. W. Perkins, and says that taking leave the[y] pronounced Mr. Rogers "blessed." The Address to the Christian Reader is subscribed by Nicholas Noyes & Joseph Gerrish, Salem 11th d. of 7 m. 1701. In this they commend the Sermon 1. from the weightiness of the subject, 2. The worthiness of the Author & say after notice of his modesty & success "God hath owned & honoured his ministry (as well as that of his aged, reverend & worthy Colleague Mr. William Hubbard)," in regard to the penitent & hearers. And as an apology that no particular notice of her offence was taken in the Sermons, it is added "If any should think the worthy author might have been more particular on this occasion, in setting forth the danger & mischief of fornication, for the warning of the rising generation, let the Reader know that the reverend Mr. Hubbard did purposely & effectively do it in the same pulpit from the reward in 1 Cor. 6, 9, 10 which made him (Mr. Rogers) more general." As the argumentative part was lost to Mr. Hubbard it is the highest compliment that could be paid him. And Rogers in his Sermons "refers to the late Learned Composures of some who have handled this point with greater accuracy & skill than I may pretend unto." Mr. Samuel Belcher describing her firmness at the place of execution after just reverence of God, says, this is to be ascribed ministerially & instrumentally to the labours, prayers & endeavours of the Reverend elders of the church of Ipswich. He mentions this woman as the first that suffered on that unhappy tree. She destroyed her two illegitimate children [both of which were mulattoes].

*Esther Rogers of Newbury for killing her infant, was hanged and placed in a gibbet, at Pingree's Plain, Ipswich. The execution took place July 17, 1701 according to Felt (History of Ipswich), on July 31st according to Coffin (History of Newbury), but Sewall's Diary indicates that Jan. 17, 1700-1 may have been the correct date.

28. The active part which the Salem Gazette has taken has attracted much notice, & the resentment falls upon the pretended editor* of the Register [so] far as the angry men devoted to Britain dare express it. The Gazette have attempted a vindication of Jackson† from the labour of John Pickering son of the noted T[imothy] P[ickering] of the U. S. Senate & the famous Letter Writer. This man is afraid of no danger to his reputation whatever he might fear as a Soldier in the days of arms.

29. The weather still unsettled in all respects. Yesterday buried from Charity House, Mary Phillips, a black woman, lately from West Indies, died of dropsy aged about 30. The late snow storm proved violent in the Bay. One Schooner ashore at Provincetown & another dismasted. A Sch[ooner] ashore at Holmes' hole. A Brig & Sch[ooner] ashore at Dennis point. Several Coasters ashore at Chatham & a Sch[ooner] on Sandy point. A Brig & Sch[ooner] ashore at Squam. A Sch[ooner] lost in the bay, crew saved at Marblehead. A Sch[ooner] ashore at Easton, & a Sloop bet. Nantucket & the Vineyard. A deserted wreck found near the Vineyard. Such are the disasters in the bay of which we have already heard & which are ascertained.

30. Thanksgiving. Contribution fell short of what it had been for many years. The bounty of a friend relieved it so that it was but 24D. short eventually. Our Choir did well. The Easter anthem opened, The Lord is risen indeed. Barbault's hymn was sung. The Anthem of the day was from Holyoke. The other music pertinent. The weather was lowry but our streets were quiet. I dined with Capt. R. Stone & family.

December 1 [1809]. Went with my young females H[annah] C[rowninshield], H. H[odges] & M[ary] W[illiams], to see Corney's‡ Bay of Naples. Found it only a copy of the Common plates at the entrance neither showing the City nor Basin & without one stroke of originality. The Claim on the public notice was from a display of the American Ship Constitution dressed in flags of all nations with the six Gun boats lent by the King of Naples in the affair of Preble ag[ainst] Tripoli. Just such a parade he made of Columbus & his egg which proved, as this painting, to be only on a larger scale, the Etching of Hogarth, without the addition of a single stroke of the pencil. A copy of the last is now in the Museum of the East India Society, Salem.§ These things seem to speak the infancy of the Arts. And yet it is said to have had unbounded admiration in Boston & is exhibited in Salem at ¼ D. It is about 10 by 8 feet probably & as the Keeper says

*The Gazette frequently alludes to "the Reverend Editor" and to "Parson Bentley's Register."

†Francis James Jackson, British minister at Washington, 1809-1811.

‡Michele Corne's panorama was exhibited in a room in Crombie's Salem Hotel, admission, 25 cents.

§Now in the museum of the Essex Institute.

looks best at a distance. I shall never forget his mending the Neck cloth of Curwin & daubing one of the best Antiques of our Country. He is a very well meaning man & is indebted to all times for his share of reputation. Mr. Ogilvie in Boston had been applauded for his commendation of public libraries & is to deliver two Lectures on Dueling. The opinion had a currency in Salem that he said more in favour than against it. It was hinted from an indiscreet friend who could not weigh the moral, social, political & religious evils against those of private sentiment or individual fears.

2. Last evening & night much rain. This evening the Committee at my house. Contribution amounted to 123 dollars to be distributed. I proposed a fence round the house. The Committee talk of a Cellar & say various offers have been made. Several persons added to the List of Charity 2 males & 2 females. A little Company to dine with me H. C., H. H., M. W., M. B. & at tea.

3. Sunday. Note. May Brown, delivery. Husband at sea. The Fed[eral] Street Meeting House where the Presb[byterian] once stood was dedicated on 23 November & Mr. Channing the Incumbent preached. This is the first attempt at a Gothic Church in New England. We have had Gothic Theology for many generations & the style is not yet lost. Three church bells from England have been introduced into Boston & the one at Brattle street weighs 3469 lbs. The Baptists of Salem have assisted their communion in Marblehead in purchasing the Rock Meeting House built by Knot Martin & dedicated by Dr. D. Hopkins of Salem, as the latter house with greater glory than the former. But the glory soon departed & it has ever since stood a monument of folly & of delusion. It now enables the Baptists to have a separate house of worship & they are easily supplied by lay preachers. The Universalists tried Day Lectures but without success in Salem. Last Thursday evening they adopted Night Lectures but not with such crowds as are found among the Methodists. They at first seemed to disdain the little arts of superstition, but to make proselytes they will make any sacrifices. And why should they who are born of prejudices & not from enlightened understanding forget their kindred & origin. Where the doctrine [is] supported by a rational love of happiness, & defended & patronised by one man in Salem who understood it we might expect its share of good. But I know of no such pretensions & the present friends are as uninformed on the subject as the most illiterate of our New Light Congregations.

5. Last evening we had a meeting of the School Committee on the subject of the irregularities of the Grammar School Mas-

ter* both in his discipline & instructions, in his prophane & petulant language & the imputations of his intemperance. After a full exhibition of the Complaints & his denial of his cruelty, prophanity, & neglect, the Committee adjourned till next Monday evening fortnight. Having been an officer in the Army some indulgence was claimed for his excentricities upon free days. After the Meeting Revd. Mr. Spaulding informed me of some Indian graves opened that day in south fields. This morning early I visited the spot & found that digging a vault, Mr. Chisholm the present proprietor, near his house & Kope walk, found a number of Indian skeletons, 12 lying near each other & a child not far distant. Upon examining the position of the bones I found that the persons were buried sitting & not as before were the feet stretched out but crossed under them as in no cases did any of the bones extend beyond two feet & all appearances agreed with the position. Few of the bones were decayed in any of the solid parts, & most of them were well defined at the extremities. One head in which were all the teeth when it was first found & in which many still remain was given me. It was in high preservation. All the sutures were distinct & perfect, & all the processes. An under jaw in the same preservation was given me. Upon bringing it home, I found that it was sufficiently firm to contain without leaking boiling water, till it was full. I afterwards rinsed it with spirits & then applied Camphorated spirits of wine with powders used for the inner coats of Birds, & filled the cavity with tar & pimento pounded. I washed the exterior parts with the camphorated spirits & put it out of the way of the air. The place was West from long point, where the cove most nearly approached the road through South fields & upon the south side upon the ridge of land & east side of the road to Marblehead. The position agrees with the Indian burying grounds, near points & with full exposure to the South as often has been uniformly the case. The bones were sufficient to fill a barrel.

9. Last night the Brig Minerva, H. Phippen, after high tide entering our harbour ran into the cove on the south side of Abbot's point after having passed the dangerous ledges at that point. She was gotten off without much damage next tide. Another alarm of fire in [a] Carpenter's Shop from boiling varnish. The inside of the Shop much injured. At 6 o'clock in the evening. An English Goods Merchant† has entered this week the new building at the eastern corner of Newbury street from Essex street. Col. [Samuel] Archer builds with great rapidity.

10. Sunday. Note. Samuel Silsbee & wife, d. of her Brother, Jonathan Reed, æt. 47, married in Balti. Md. and at sea, pr. for his son at sea. We begin to have proud churches & great Bells. One

*Daniel Parker who was succeeded on Dec. 6, 1810 by Moses Stevens.

†Israel Kinsman.

of 2000 weight was cast by Revere for Newport. It is happy that the Bell foundry of our Country was employed. The Free Willers, followers of Smith & Jones & Co. in Salem, suffered one Rand to plunge last Monday two Children about 12 years of age, one male & one female. What a shameful business to deny infant baptism, & then take minors with the consent of parents. One child was refused by the parents & they dared not to proceed. These entering wedges are driven by men who just make their appearance & then are gone to places unknown. The trouble occasioned to the Female Asylum in asking of Ogilvie to give a lecture or oration was occasioned by the interference of one [Rev. Lucius] Bolles, a disciple of Stillman, that the Boston folks would not accept. He sent for some honest women through some of his own devotees & told them that it was Mr. Ogilvie's method. O. shewed the notion derision & as he told me his best friends did not attend. Such the influence of these unprincipled & unexperienced men.

13. The Spirited Letter I received from Gen. Stark I sent on to President Madison carefully copied, with an extract from B. F. Stickney's Letter, Gen. Stark's Son in law, as this Letter accompanied it. I have left the letter at the president's pleasure & informed Mr. Stickney of this circumstance in my letter to him. This day I waited upon Mr. J[ohn] Punchard, Town Clerk & Clerk of our Fire Company, & resigned my relation to that Club to which I have been related ever since my first admission in June, 1792, above seventeen years. The members were not in the circle of my private friendships & some had such strong political aversions without any investigations that I deemed it prudent to withdraw while I could do it honourably & before any painful circumstances should arise, which the heat of party seemed to threaten. Only one of my old friends is left in the Club.

14. Mr. Dearborn informs me that his Father Gen. D. late Sec. at War, now in the Customs of Boston, when on his expedition at the forks of the Tyoga, found a field over grown with pines in which were observed mounds of earth which were found to contain the bones of Indians evidently buried sitting & not with extended feet. He has promised me further information. Dr. Mussey tells that Dr. Barton informs of mummies found in coffins of wood, which have no lower teeth, but incisors continued to the molars. He recollects not the Dr's authorities.

15. Mr. Stickney of Bow, N. H., tells me that he has discovered an inexhaustible abundance of Iron Ore in his vicinity, near to wood, water falls, & navigation, & that he has reason to believe it to be of excellent quality. He informs me this in the cover of a Letter from his father in law, Gen. John Stark, to whom he serves in the absence of the Major as Amanuensis. I

had addressed a Letter to Gen. Stark on the subject of President Madison.

16. Our Vessels from the Vineyard reached Salem, some of them having been detained there 18 days by the long rains & foul weather which threatened a storm. Some of them from Sumatra. A great supply of fresh fish from the neighbouring ports. It is remarkable that Salem does not supply one regular boat at the fish market. I have not bought a fish this season from an Inhabitant. Cape Ann & Marblehead by sea & Lynn by land. A few fish are made in North fields, but the change is very great in 25 years past.

17. Sunday. Note. Joseph Brown & wife & children, d. of Son at Sea, Joseph, & pr. for two Sons who are at Sea. Conversation about erecting another Baptist Meeting House near the lines of Salem on Danvers Side, to diffuse their principles & to get prior possession of that part of our town which is most distant from the Meeting Houses already erected. There are now five Baptist meeting Houses within four miles of Salem or places of worship.

19. A Black man calling himself Henry Jennings, in company with Joseph Wilson, another black man, brought me a fish calling it a Snapper, declaring that they caught it off Cape Cod. The fish was still fresh. It had a large head with small teeth & was perfectly red in every part. I had no doubt of its classification, tho' not in every circumstance reported. As the fish has not been seen in our seas but is common on the southern coast, may not the cold weather of Oct. & Nov. past which has been greater in the southern than the northern shores, have induced the fish to visit the North betrayed by its instinct of following the temperature of the water, & so be caught upon our coast. Capt. James Fairfield gave me one of the fruit of Banana, the first I had ever examined if not the first I had ever seen.

20. This Morning before day for the first time we heard the Drums of the Regular Troops stationed at our Forts & just after Sunrise Capt. Ranie marched through Salem from Salem Fort with his Company & officers in good order as to dress & discipline.

21. This day [was] interred Benjamin Osgood, æt. 90, in August last. He was a man of slender form, very tall, inoffensive in his manners, industrious, active & temperate. [Not] Addicted to vice & regular throughout his long life. I have known him well above 26 years. He was bred a Shoemaker, was a Shore man many years & his fish flakes [were] in North fields where he held lands which he cultivated with his own hands. He was considerate, careful & kind. He held no offices & was not much employed in references, but had the confidence of all our citizens as an honest, sober, consistent man. He was an early riser, steady in his business with few amusements. Enjoyed his

pipe, but had not excess. His place at meeting in the first Gallery of the old Church was always filled, without any violent prejudice or preference. He lived 60 years with his wife who is now above 80 years of age & has survived him. So far [he has] come under my own observation, he was always at work but seldom in a hurry, driving or impetuous. Several years before he died his memory failed him & his faculties, tho' he still continued even till the close of life to go abroad. His animal strength was the last thing to forsake him, having a sufficient portion to assist in walking to his old resorts & to prevent the form of any disease but that of old age. He died exhausted, & sunk into the Grave. At forty years of age, he left his first employment for his office of shoreman, & afterwards employed himself only in boots & jackets of leather for the fishermen. He dies in good circumstances.

22. The abortion found in a Vault was not noticed by a Jury. In former times such a mode of concealment would excite great alarm. No doubts were entertained of the persons employed in this matter. A Captain in the Militia from North fields, B[enjamin] Ropes, a violent Republican & lately a Selectman, till he violated the Embargo Laws, a speculator & lately a Universalist, has returned to his family after several days absence, tho' quite regular in mind. His powers could not support all his themes & his affairs are not so good as if he had marched in a strait course & made his voyages less circuitous. A warning. One of the same family in our society sold his religion for his politics. Several instances of religious madness have occurred lately from the superabundance of fanatical teachers just at this time.

23. Capt. Ranie, Lieut. Welsh, Dr. Bastow & Col. Dearborn dined with me.

25. Upon Mr. Osgood's death it is said in 1791 were living in Salem 45 white & 2 black men, of these Mr. Osgood was one. All above 70 years of age.

27. Capt. Ranie of the United S[tates] troops stationed in Essex, Commandant, invited me with J. Harthorne, Q. M., Dr. Bastow, S. Mate, & Capt. Dearborne to join his Marblehead friends at his house in Marblehead. In a Company of Twenty in which were Mr. Wilson, Collector, Mr. Prentice, S[urveyor] & Insp[ector] Cpts. Story, Swett, Lindsey, & all the Military Officers in Capt. Ranie's Company. We had a very rich & sumptuous fare. Some excellent Songs from Lieut. Larabee & a Conviviality that was free & innocent. The torrents of rain made our passages uncomfortable but our reception was equal to any thing we could wish. I visited good old Capt. Selman, whom Mr. Pope saw with great delight. And I visited Mr. Mansfield, once in reputation, to obtain an old copy of Mass. Laws & left some directions accordingly. It was not in my power to see my



MRS. SARAH CURWIN, 1718 - 1810.

**Wife of George Curwin and daughter of Benjamin Pickman. From the oil portrait
in possession of the Essex Institute.**

friend Prince who was invited to join our party, but did not. The jealousies of partizans frustrate all the good to be hoped from their principles. The hospitality of Marblehead is memorable & must be enjoyed by the Sincere.

30. By the presence of several of the few Feds. in Marblehead, at a dinner in the house of an officer of the U. S. among Reps. I conclude the fury has abated. We are sure that the angry zeal of the press in Salem corresponds to nothing we see out of doors. And at Newbury Port, when in the Embargo, the Marshal chose to have his sales in Salem from N. P. Yet lately, when the Owners of Several Vessels consented to sell at N. P. the sales were such as obliged them to pay full price for all articles at Auction, when it was well known that they had claims on the property.

31. Sunday. Notes. James M. Fairfield, d. of his Child, and in the past year of his wife, Father & Sister. Four bereavements of his youth. James Cleff & wife, d. of their Child, Pr. for Brethren & friends absent. The Dummer Academy which has sunk into obscurity since the death of Master Moody, is put under the care of B. Allen LL.D. late Professor in Union College, Schenectady, & notice has been given from Newbury Port of this event. The Jesuits' College at Andover has changed the Character of Philips Academy which Mr. Newman has lately left since the revolution which Mr. Pearson has made in that quarter.

January 2, 1810. My friend Capt. Prince of M[arblehead] intercedes warmly for Uncle Bowen. His letter in form & matter is as singular as the Case. Uncle was a firm friend to the British & is now without favour from his former friends. It is painful to see a worthy old man neglected upon any account. The proprietors are busy in repairing the sunken part of the Derby Wharf. It had sunk several feet after it had been filled up. Mr. Fogg has undertaken.* A great change has been made already in South Salem on the south side of the New Bridge, & a great value has been given to the estates in that part. The project of passing from Brown's point to Throgmorton is not so much talked of at present as it lately was but probably will not be forgotten more than that from Planter's Marsh to Spring Cove on the Neck which was contemplated a Century ago by Mr. Higginson.

3. This day died Sarah, Widow of G[eorge] Curwen & Sister of the late Col. B. Pickman. She had long been a widow & much respected, & possessed her powers till the close of life, having finished her 91 years. She was born in Dec. 1718. She lived with her only daughter & child, who married B. Ward Esq. still living. Her husband was son of the Revd. G[eorge] Curwen of Salem, & his Brother Samuel Curwen lately deceased

*I. e. he had taken the contract to do the work.

about 80 years of age. Few women have lived more respected by her numerous relatives & the Town. One woman, Wid. Ashton, æt. 94, was of greater age & has survived her. She has been represented as a woman of great integrity, of an unsuspecting character, without jealousies & often suffering from her sincerity & confidence. She was early a Widow & died after 60 years in the place in which her husband left her. She had her part of the Curwen estate where the Curwin tomb was south of old paved street. During her widowhood she for many years kept a genteel boarding house. Her cheerfulness gained her many friends. She was tall & not full habited. She had for many years been afflicted with St. Antony's fire* but it left her & her general health was remarkable. She kept the even tenour of her ways, calm in purpose, cheerful in friendship, upright in manners, & conciliatory to all. She had the three Characteristics of our hopes. A good Constitution, a cheerful mind, & the constant presence of her sober friends. She has preserved the band, which I once held, which was worn by the first Curwen and which is represented in the painting I possess. She was universally known by the Name of Aunt Curwin, & it was said a D. D. had that honour obtained for him for taking good care of Aunt Curwin.

5. A Letter from President Madison to Gen. Stark inclosed in a letter to me. The President is very desirous that it should not appear to [be] an electioneering trick which it certainly was not upon the best evidence I can possess, who knew the whole progress of the work & the real occasion & purpose of his writing. In his letter to me he says, In consequence of your favour of 11 instant (Dec.) I have addressed the few lines inclosed to General Stark. If the possession of his sincere testimony of my esteem be entirely satisfactory, it may perhaps be as well that it should not be followed by a publication, the sole object being to contribute in that form, whatever gratification may be afforded him, by bearing the sentiments of one of whom he has been pleased to think & speak so favourably. With entire confidence in your judicious estimate of the case I limit myself to this intimation.

6. Much discussion at present of the New Law of Mass. which obliges every Collector to report the person who has paid the taxes of the two preceding years as a qualification to vote in Town Meeting, & as a Fast Law. It is uncertain on which side it would bear hardest. Unless we conclude that the Aristocratic party would find it cheaper to pay the tax of voters upon an emergency, than to be subject to the continual demands & reproaches of those they gain into their service. We are told this law was contrived in Salem for party purposes.

*Erysipelas.

7. Sunday. Notes. Thomas Rowell, Wife & children, d. of his Son in Law Th. Satchell [Shatswell] in England upon a voyage from Salem, Capt. Bickford, & pr. for their d., wife of the deceased in a state of derangement & pr. for a Son at sea. This was a most beautiful woman, now silent, at first raving. Has 2 Ch. one male. Samuel Briggs & wife, d. of his youngest sister Est[h]er, æt. 19. pr. for Brethren at sea. This Est[h]er of early growth & firm of health, has been failing above one year. This day had a grand display of the success of the zeal of the Close Communion Baptists. Nine persons, 7 females, were immersed in North river, amidst a large crowd of spectators just after the morning services & at high noon. They have never collected more than 3 or 4 at any former time. In the House at Marblehead the Anabaptists have assistance from their ministers, but the young Sailor Clark, turned at once from the worst vices, & young Isaac Story, addicted to long intemperance, another convert, are the stationary preachers. Mr. Bowles of Salem, & a Charity Scholar, one Phippen of Providence College, gave their generous assistance. Much zeal. Our Open Communion Baptists did nothing in the late occasion to be noticed.

9. Last evening at Judge Holten[']s in the affair of the Will of Geoffrey Moritz of Dusseldorf, in favour of Francis La Mart. Judge Holten informed me that he was the Oldest Man excepting Judge Dexter, reckoning from entrance into Gen[eral] Court, that was now living. He passed from the Court to the Council & thence to Congress & the chair of the Speaker, & 14 years has been Judge of Probate Essex. Easily flattered. He tells me that New Mills, Danvers, was Scheldons Neck, the property of the Copastor of the first Higginson. And that he actually did transcribe at the Secretary's office the first notices of Andover, in which was an account of the Frye & Peters mentioned in the life of Hugh Peters, & of which Gen. Lovejoy in Andover could give no account. This account was transcribed for one Ingals, whose posterity now live in North Andover. Judge Holten says Dr. Gordon* borrowed papers of him & kept them, which he should not have suffered to pass from his own hands if he had thought that Gordon's History was to have been published in England. I told him how Gordon rewarded me with thanks for supplying his pulpit while he was absent in his historical researches, & how, when as Librarian, I supplied at his request some quotations he made me accountable for them. The disgusting manners of this Gordon were well known. Judge Holten thinks that he was [warm?] till our alliance with the French in the revolution & that then Gordon changed. I cannot attribute so much system to him. He was affronted personally.

*William Gordon D. D., of Roxbury, author of "History of the rise, progress, and establishment of the Independence of the United States," 4 vol. London, 1788.

11. Sent to Dr. Eliot the Packet in his care for [the Mass.] Hist. Society and a roll of maps directed to him with a letter on the subject of his Dictionary respecting Williams & W. Hubbard of Ipswich, stating some facts respecting the latter. Mr. Ebeling's Books employed me in busy arrangement this day. A deranged woman named Smith leaped from the top of a house in Summer street upon an outhouse, & bruised herself greatly. These derangements multiply. We [have] the African minister Paul of Boston, in this town edifying the faithful at the First Baptist meeting House. Many admire him.

13. The weather uncommon. This Saturday & the preceeding pleasant so that a walk on the Neck farm had all the pleasantness of Spring. No snow has laid on the ground yet, & the earth is as open as in May. We have had no day in which it was not wet walking.

14. Sunday. Note. May Collins, sudden d. of her Husband, she sick, son at sea. Mr. [Richard] Collins was a rough man, always smoaking & at last intemperate & then he was in his family troublesome. Otherwise an inoffensive man. In Salem, Fanaticism is daily growing bolder & louder in its claims. After the Free Willers had literally dragged children of 11 or 12 years of age into the water in the depth of winter, the Close Baptists have employed sailors of the worst description upon instant conversion or profession, in the pulpit, & in the past actually the Negro Minister Paul preached repeatedly in the Close Baptist Meeting House accompanied & assisted by their Pastor. In consequence one family only discovered displeasure, but the wags of the town put a paper of dogrel rhymes in print & distributed them through the town. The Stage refused the Negro Minister a passage in the Stage within, but offered him a seat with the driver, which he angrily refused. At Marblehead, the conduct is more excentric as the preacher is one of the Universalists. In Danvers, after a meeting had been appointed for the Baptists in a School House, the Incumbent of the Meeting House went to the place & preached. Fanaticism threatens with all its evils while the thoughtless are associated with an illiterate preacher who saves all without talents or virtues. This is a harder task for the few rational men, but it is to be hoped they will be firm in their trusts. My C[orrespondent] in Germany was in hopes that Fanaticism would not aggravate their Calamities, but he now tells me that the Spirit begins to appear & he refers me to Henke's account of the new Wittenberg prophets. The increase of the Methodists in England & Scotland is alarming. In Boston, the Park Meeting House has been dedicated. The design of this Speculation was to erect a house for the Orthodox & to collect a Congregation by a popular preacher. The project failed of securing Dr. Kellock, & finally they have agreed upon D. Grif-

fin, the Professor of Eloquence at Andover. From Boston we hear that on the 10 Jan. the House was dedicated. Dr. Griffin preached. Revd. Mess. Codman of Dorchester, Huntington of Boston, & Holmes of Cambridge assisted. The Contract was publicly read & Dr. G. is to supply entirely till a Resident Pastor is elected as his Colleague. The pews to be sold on 21 instant.

15. The uncommonly mild weather remains. We find ourselves in the atmosphere of April & May without one sign of January. The waters flow in our streets through the long nights of January & even upon the Neck at the earlier hours of morning we find the Currant in open air. It is at present a time of great health. This day I had peculiar attention at the Probate Office in the affair of Godfrey Moritz's will in favour of Francis La Mart. The will was proved, the Appraisement made & the bonds cancelled, & all done. Judge Holten delivered me to Mr. Noyes, the Register, who did all the business at my wishes.

16. This evening for the first time I spent with Mr. Collins at Mason's farm, which he holds in South fields near Gardner's mills. His sister married.

18. The uniform mildness of the season has produced unusual effects. The Sculpion, flounder & eels are to be seen swimming near our wharves, & the eels are not to be found in their usual beds, to which the poor resort in winter with great success. Not a sign of winter is to be seen near the harbour. All cry never the likes, but probably it is uncommon. In Salem, in 1800, were 121 females & 53 males, above 70 years of age 57 of which were above 80, 5 above 90, & one above 100 years of age. Col. P[ickman] says there are now living 60 females & 9 males above eighty. The eldest female 94, & eldest male 89. It is a melancholy consideration that we lost 49 in 212 by Consumptions. The Cause of this should be seriously investigated as it is a charge.

19. This record made on Wednesday following. On this day came on the highest wind & the severest cold I ever knew. Dr. Holyoke says the mean of the four days was greater than he ever knew. His Fr. Th[ermometer] had descended to 6 minus, he had seen it at 11 minus, but such a mean as these four days afforded he had never seen, as the mean of observation at all time did not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ minus for the three days. For the 19 days preceeding & through December were few appearances of winter. At once it came with fury. The wind blew down several chimnies & light buildings. Several Vessels in the harbour went on shore. A Vessel in the offing near the Haste could not be reached till Sunday. She lost one of her men in an attempt to reach Beverly Shore. Several Old Persons perished within doors. In my own Chamber on Saturday, with a brisk fire, I found the Therm. on the southern side of the Chamber at the

greatest distance from the fire at 3 P. M. 16 Far. below freezing. On Saturday all intercourse seemed to have ceased & on Sunday three houses were shut up & a fourth closed the service after the first prayer. On Monday we were relieved & on Tuesday were happy to find even the freezing point again. In Boston, the ice closed as far down as Spectacle Island. The weather probably was extensively cold, as we expect to hear. Dr. Holyoke of Salem reports the cold on Friday at 10 in the evening at 5 below 0. In 1786, Jan. 17, 18 & 19, the Mer. at 11 or 12 below 0, but the mean heat three degrees above 0. But the mean heat of the three last Cold days amounted to no more than 1 and half below 0. The Dr. gives 7 less in the greater depressions than at Portsmouth & 11 less than in the report from New York. We shall probably see much, but nothing more worthy of credit than Dr. Holyoke's account.

20. On Friday night, Susanna Beadle, æt. 82, attempting to arise from bed was so chilled as to expire immediately. A woman, also a Widow, chilled, fell into the fire, on the western part of the Town, & escaped with life enough to put out the fire in her clothes but did not call assistance & perished with the cold & found dead in the morning. The young man from the Ship going to Beverly Shore not half a mile could not be recovered. A Soldier coming from Salem Fort only to the Farm houses on the Neck, not half a mile, was much frozen.

21. Sunday. Repeated attempts to move the clock of the Meeting House did not succeed upon account of the extreme cold. We had both services with a warm stove in the Music gallery, but were obliged to be very short. The Congregation very thin. In all this time the use of the pen was impracticable unless near to the fire, & even before the fire the water froze on the tables.

24. Mr. Bowditch informs me that Mr. Gardner of Wenham, saw the famous meteor which discharged itself in Connecticut. That he has taken the altitude, position, time of observation, course, &c, & finds a very exact correspondence. He informs that it was seen also in the neighbourhood of the Lake Champlain. He is quite enthusiastic about determining its height. The supposed matter which it discharged has not yet been analysed, so [in] expert are our Chemists. This will be a wonderful work before it is finished.

25. Mr. B. Russel's address to the Mechanic Association of Boston this season, as a novelty & as embracing some facts of real consequence, is deserving of notice. It has not the flow of eloquence but is the work of an industrious man who has made his own fortune. It will not be without merit. He is Printer of the Centinel which from being warmly revolutionary has, with the turn of times in Boston, become highly British. In this work at their first triennial celebration, Mr. R[ussel] cele-

brates the Arts & in a note pays a just respect to Paul Revere for his Bells & Sheet Copper & to Mr. [Isaiah] Thomas for his assistance in the Art of Printing. This was formed in 1795, Paul Revere, President, for the four first years & Jonathan Hunknewell for the nine succeeding years. Mr. Russel was chosen in 1808, & this year has his third appointment. The members are chiefly from Boston, 6 from Charlestown, Hallowell, one, two fr. Roxbury, one fr. Braintree, & one fr. Newburyport, & Duxbury, & Dorchester, & Dedham. The whole number being nearly 300 in the List subjoined.

26. Letter in answer to Brothers Dorr & Sprague about the [Masonic] Chapter of King Cyrus to meet at Newburyport next February. I wrapped up the Outline of the Communication in the Letters. I am indebted to this Chapter for their very kind attention at my own invitation, & am sorry that their local situation has been employed to corrupt their political & religious & social principles.

28. Sunday. Note. G. Hodges & Wife & Ch., death of youngest Child Benjamin. This Child was named in memory of B[enjamin] Hodges who lately deceased & was dear to us all during his useful & active life. The best of men among us. On 14 instant died Revd. W. W. Wheeler of the English Episcopal Church. I knew him at Concord & was with him at Mr. Clarks's to dine with Bp. Carroll upon his first visit to Boston. We four were the Company. Wheeler was Independent, & died a fast friend to our Government. I was happy in his friendship & had good proof of it. He was born at Concord in 1734 & graduated at Cambridge in 1755 in the same Class with the late President Adams. From being a resident Graduate at Cambridge he went to England for Holy Orders & returned & settled at Newport with a society in which he kept his connections till the revolution. Then he returned to Concord, where I first knew him. From Concord he went to Taunton, & from Taunton to Scituate where he has been about 25 years. He appears to have had little intercourse with his Episcopal brethren, more from political than religious prejudices. His living at Scituate was small till within a few years when the divisions in the Congregational Churches induced many to enter into his Communion, who became more friendly to the man than the Communion in which he lived. W. was a Scholar & a Gentleman. But his Independance characterised everything he did. The many testimonies I have had of the good opinion of his neighbours with the expressions at his death satisfy me of his reputation, which might in some circumstances have secured to him deservedly the title of Bishop in preference to Dr. Bass or Dr. Parker. But his friendship for our Rep[ublican] Inst[itutions] while it could exclude him from everything else, could not exclude him from the hope of the result of the Just.

30. According to report the Portsmouth Cold was greater than that of Salem by 7 degrees. That at New York & Philadelphia as much less. Two young men named Brookes perished in the Cold at Woburn & poor Douglas the Painter, a man of wit & intemperance, on his way from Salem to Manchester. Alas for poor Douglas.

February 1 [1810]. In my Letter to Gov[ernment] & S[peaker] of H[ouse] of R[epresentatives], W[ashington], I informed him of the impatience of Marblehead without a mixture of fear. That the tranquility of Salem was not to be judged by any writing which the Opp[osition] published. That at N[ewbury] Port, in Embargo times, Sales were not safe & they were made at Salem by Government, but lately two Vessels, sold by Gov[ernment] & consent of Owners in hopes of Cheap purchase, paid at a higher rate without fear of party. Mr. S. Letter obliged me to write again of Gen. Stark to P[resident] M[adison] & to send copies of S's letters & of my own to him.


2. Our harbour is frozen from point of Rocks to Naugus head & very many are employed in taking eels. The quantity is great but not exactly ascertained. At least 100 persons at 20 lb. each. The eels were of the best quality as they had not long been in their retreat. This business is continued & in an unusual manner as we have not often so favourable an opportunity. The eels from Lynn are not so large or of so good relish. I have never seen the place from which they are taken. Our flats which have the wash of the town must afford great nutriment to the eel. They are brownish & seldom weigh a pound. The streams which continually waste into our harbour are favourable to them, but they are seldom seen at the mills which are upon these streams in any great quantity, altho the number in the harbour is very great & inexhaustible as yet by any diligence of the Inhabitants of Salem & Marblehead, who are living through the winter.

3. The Cry is now all for stoves in Meeting Houses. They were first introduced among the Quakers. Then & very lately into the North Meeting by Dr. Barnard's Congregation. Then into the Tabernacle & this week they are prepared for the First Church at Dr. Prince's. We have had for two years a Small Stove heated by Charcoal & brought into the House in the Singing Gallery. In our own house many persons are inclined to have them, but the inconveniences are not without claim upon notice.

4. Sunday. Note. Alice Cotton, d. of her Sister Sara Wellcome at Cape Ann, æt. 36, pr. for her Son at sea. The deceased was deformed & of the Baptist persuasion. The introduction of the Kine Pox by the united efforts of the inhabitants of whole towns has deservedly met with public approbation & the towns of Milton & New Bedford deserve the public gratitude for giving



SALEM HARBOR AS IT APPEARS IN THE YEAR 1910.



so good an example. This may be considered as a duty of humanity as well as sound policy & perhaps a duty of religion. The promotion of human happiness by the best & visible means is the name. The young Sailors go on victoriously to the head. Isaac Story, lately dissolute, was last Sunday in the presence of a great multitude & made several speeches worthy of such a saint. And his friend Clarke, a deserter from all social orders, has all the spirit of this world. These are wonderful times indeed. In Salem a little more order, thanks to the former good manners of the place. Fanaticism & Licentiousness are twin Sisters & they are found together. A Physician of the town told me he was called to cure diseases which were formed upon Nightmare Contests. We can forgive the wretches everything but malignity.

6. The weather has become mild again & the ice is so thin as to admit a passage to the Lower wharves. We hear of instances of persons froze to death in the late cold weather: at Woburn, 3 children at Sanborntown, &c. but most of these rumours are groundless. The Severity was great as far as accounts reach from Canada to Baltimore.

7. Last evening came to my house my old Companion, a petitioner at School John Prout. We sat six years on the same bench. In 1772 he went into the Store of Thomas & Hutchinson, Sons of the Gov[ernor], to whom he was related by his Mother G's Sister & sister to M. Merchant & the wife of S. Mather. With the British troops he left Boston & went to them in different places till the peace of 1783, & then he went to Nova Scotia. After [having] been admitted to the bar as Advocate he settled in Yarmouth, known better in N. E. by the name of Cape Forshu, Pursue & Geboge.* He is now, a widower, the son of his Brother W., in pursuit of his portion of the estate. After a separation of 38 years I was glad to recollect him unmarried & without much property & has good habits. At dinner he left me for Boston, having been, since his arrival in the States, at Newburyport. His most favourable account of Nova Scotia, did not prevail on him to wish to continue there if he could in any way provide for himself in New England.

10. Dr. Martignon, the Incumbent at Church of Holy Trinity in Boston, with me. The Dr. visits occasionally the few friends of his Communion in Salem.

11. Sunday. Dr. Martignon officiates with the Cathedral in Salem this day. He has visited ever since his incumbency in Boston, but not on Sundays. Mr. [Stephen C.] Blyden Blyden, among his eccentricities undertook a few times

*Fourchu and Chebogue.

brick building in Essex, Corner of Elm street. The Catholics are not of consideration from their property in Salem. The rage of the New Lights never was greater than at present. It is reported that numbers in their respective congregations are under concern & in a good way, as they express it, from asking prayers, apparent distress & confessions, frequent meetings, neglect of business & all worldly concerns & great apparent mortifications, & most rash censures of all who do not assist or encourage the good work. This disease of the mind is so much of the same character that it has been well described in all ages. Its various treatment & success & the course of the patient has some local difference everywhere. It is now going to the young of both sexes who are encouraged in their work by strong fears, great notice from the most zealous, & powerful assurances that it is the work of God. It is marked with all the folly of children. The good God deliver us from such fanaticism or we perish. We have four congregations engaged in this work night & day & every day. At present our persons are safe & our streets quiet, but the low vices are increasing. The Universalists have changed their day into night lectures, to console their friends, not all of the first character, in the present times as from the vices they expected an abundant harvest. We do not impute the most honourable motives to their zeal for proselytism, because they have chosen unworthy means. A man without education, intellect, manners, & sensibility would not bless any cause. There are times when Censure even to the Philosopher, is not hard judging. In the regular Congregation we remark at present that the Disease is like the West India fever, principally among Strangers who have been allured by the late times of prosperity into Salem, but finding their schemes baffled & themselves away from home the fever rages.

Mr. [John] Prout from Nova Scotia, tells us of the spiritual disease of the New Light Fever in those inhospitable regions. It seems the Gov. has shewn more favour to the Methodists, as the Travelling preachers of the other sects are thought to instill the tincture of sedition. The itinerants have made the Country uncomfortable to the Regular Clergy who depend on royal bounty. The Itinerants are of the lowest class for morals & information. We learn from Boston that the celebrated Dr. Griffith from New Jersey & Professor of pulpit Eloquence at Andover, has accepted the Charge of the Park Church in Boston & has published a flaming Dedication Sermon. Opinion is not so kind as at first to the reasons for his leaving New Jersey, but how far Envy or competition has a concern in the reports I know not. His name sounds high & his influence is great. We shall know better in a short time as he has taken a high stand & has refused association with the ministers of Boston.

12. Went to visit at Osgood's, Overseer of the Iron factory at Waters Bridge in Danvers, 2 miles from Salem. I found Capt. Endicott & visited the old 1630 tree.* I visited the Iron works but the tide was not favourable to the sight of the works in motion. Mr. Buxton shewed me a Museum which he had collected in which were fish, birds, animals, insects, reptiles & curiosities of our Country. He had a living fox which he kept confined. He was very sportive with the family dogs & lived on good terms. Mr. Buxton is a Friend & from Salem, & much delighted with the sports of his gun & the amusements of fishing & was employed in putting in order many things in the Salem E[ast] Ind[ia] M[arine] Museum.

13. This day is to be remembered for a visit from a wild Cat. He had been seen for some days lurking about some houses on the bank in South fields near the mills. The houses were old & neglected. He had been free with the poultry, but from his resemblance had passed from his swift movement for a common Cat. This day he ventured upon a visit in the day time across the river into town at the bottom of Washington & Front streets. He was killed at this spot, but without a suspicion of his character. The weather must have driven him from the Country. Just as the colder weather of the South in Oct. drove southern fish northward. His whole weight 11 lb. His length from head to tail 22 inches. Height before 14 and behind 16 inches. The black stripes & the teeth & his claws answered the Linn[ean] description. Had it been apprehended that he was so great a curiosity he might have been taken alive.

14. Dined with Mr. Osgood at the Factory, Waters Bridge. At Col. Hutcheson's I saw the two grist & saw mills in good order. The mills eastward of the Grist mills, constructed for grinding Chocolate, still remain in ruins since the fire. Col. Hutchison tells me that 56 years ago he came & began the settlement called New Mills† upon Skelton's neck, it having been at the first the property by grant to Mr. Skelton who was one of the first ministers in Salem. He mentioned that the taxes in his memory were but of a few pennies. In this settlement are now two brick buildings & above 20 decent buildings extending from Duck to Porter's river near the point of the neck. The Bridge passing over Porter's river has now assumed the name of Liberty Bridge.‡ It was first built in the controversy respecting Essex Bridge, whether it should pass into Northern or into the eastern part of Salem. It is now formed into a Causeway & Dam & has united to it on the Beverly side several mills. One for Nail-cutting, has a machine in which the power acts below, &

*The Endicott pear tree.

†Now known as Danversport.

‡For many years called "Spite Bridge."

the whole visible machinery is in a very small space. The Movement only is different. Two heading machines are contrived to support by two levers the nail again[st] an immoveable cap. The Rolling machine is the common one. The Mustard Mill is provided to move the pestles by water, to grind between two cylinders of metal & to sift by water. The machine for pulverising woods of all kinds is provided to cut by water & to grind with horizontal stones. At Waters Bridge Factory everything is upon a larger scale & supported upon a considerable Capital. The rollers for the Iron slitting mills are powerful. The Cutting Machines are of different sizes with different motions. The larger machine is fed by tongs led by a pulley. The smaller is fed by hand & can give 1400 strokes in a minute. The machine for heading is not used since the first experiments as it is found heading is done better by hand than by any machine as yet invented both as to time & goodness of execution. Board for the workmen can be had at 15/ a week & the men who head have about the average of 5/ pr. hundred weight & can earn from 6 to 9/ a day. Josselyn, the director at the Anchor Smith business is from Plymouth Colony, & a descendant of John Josselyn's Brother who came to N. E. in 1674. Josselyn is known by his Histories &c. Col. Hutcheson says the place of the New Mills Settlement was all in woods when he came to it & that he opened a path through it for his own convenience. At my second visit to Buxton's Collection of Natural History, I found besides foreign articles that it contained domestic specimens in which were included 6 Owls, 5 Quails, besides a large Eared Owl, a porcupine, pole cat, mink & 2 wood chucks, & 2 skunks, a large number of snakes, an eel, fox, squirrels, Turtle, insects &c. A large collection of our Sea Fowl & land birds. This taste for our own productions has not been much known among us.

16. Our own Government is busy in Mass. with a report against the sense of the General Government, vindicating Mr. Jackson* & reproaching the Administration. The contest is no longer doubtful. Mr. [Elbridge] Gerry & Mr. [William] Gray have accepted the nomination for Gov. & L. Gov. of this State with no small pleasure to the friends of our Country.

18. Sunday. Notes. Mercy Wellman, sick, pr. for son & g. sons at sea. Sarah Becket, d. of only child, pr. husband & brother at sea. James Brown & wife, d. of g. ch. Becket, pr. for sons at sea. The enthusiasm of Salem has outleaped all its former bounds. We have playing in the streets, evening meetings, & after sermon exhortation of children, sailors, women, &c. No extravagance is spared. Six Children of these enthusiasts were apprehended for stealing in the time of service last Sunday. The extremes meet. Mr. Spaulding is fast recovering his

*The British minister.

reputation, but he complains of the Baptists that he raises chickens & they make ducks of them. He had four public lectures last week & two meetings at his own house & he has removed partitions to accomodate his converts. The Baptists high & low follow hand with him & at the Tabernacle they match their brethren in zeal, impudence & hypocrisy. At the South meeting they do all their abilities will permit. As soon as they hear of the sick, there the eagles or crows are gathered together. A pious old matron whom I visited at her request had learnt all the phrases of these fanatics, but soon yielded to her former convictions & the power of her good habits. In Marblehead they have more frail materials & more daring adventurers. Two young sailors, lately infamous for vice, take the lead with glory. This is the sober representation of facts before my eyes. In the last week was buried in this Town Deacon [Jacob] Saunderson of the North Church. He came early to Salem & when young was put into that office from Watertown. The latter part of his life was under a cloud from the strange intemperance of his habits, æt. 52. We suffer much in Salem by suffering the office of Deacon in our churches to pass into the hands of the meanest of the people. Boston has always maintain[ed] the high reputation of its churches upon the good character, influence, & even prosperity of its Deacons. Most of them I have known from the history of their families & they are the most honourable in themselves & posterity of all our citizens. It were to be wished that in Salem the same might be said. Some have been serious, few of influence, but many troublesome, & some a reproach. We have not had one man of talents, one man of wealth, or one of influence in his generation.

19. I was with the School Committee. We found the Grammar School with 71 children & not at all influenced by the new arrangements jealously pressed upon the Committee. We saw no difference between the highest & lowest boys. The Centre Writing School under Mr. J. Gray had 80 scholars & good reading. The West Writing S[chool] under Mr. Hacker of 104 Scholars & excellent writing. The Northfield Writing S[chool] under Mr. Dodge, the best for English Grammar 60 sch[olars]. The East Wr[iting] S[chool] under Mr. Lang 80 Sch[olars] in better order than we had ever seen it. We were obliged to defer our visits to the Women Schools.

20. The milder weather has cleared our wharves so that they are accessible. And as yet we have had no snow to cover the ground sufficient for our sleighs. At present our roads are almost impassable from the rain & the deep mire. Our Vessels continue to sail for foreign ports. Indeed our times have been sufficient to develope the character of mercantile enterprise. We may know too much of men from whose habits we have no advantages.

21. Visited with Mr. Dodge the Women's Schools maintained by the Town. In South Salem we found 40 children not provided with the best instruction. The African School by Mrs. Minns, 30 blacks, was better kept & several blacks repeated their hymns with great ease & propriety. The Center School in Church street, 40 children, by Mrs. Driver, did not display so much of the talents of the Mistress as we wished. The Eastern School under Mrs. Herrick, with 60, we saw on Monday. We have dismissed Mrs. Holman from the South School and have appointed Mrs. Perkins in her place. Attended the funeral of Hiram Howe, æt. 25, a private in Capt. Ranney's Company at Fort Pickering of 4th Regiment. He had been accustomed to pass to Winter Island from Cat Cove & forgetting the effect of the rain & wind of Monday night to quicken his return he attempted to pass from Cat Cove as usual. Finding his danger he had shaped his course for the inner point of the Neck & perished in the attempt. He must have broken in about 10 A. M. & was found 2 P. M. about 2 hours from the top of the tide in 8 feet of water. It is presumed he did not make much alarm. He was buried with military honours & several of our reputable citizens attended him to his grave near the Pest house. He was from Conn., Litchfield, & had been sometime in the service.

22. Some notice of the birth of Washington & a few guns fired irregularly in the evening. No party takes hold. The name of Washington cannot be employed by the Opposition as he was pointedly opposed to a Separation of the States. And Mr. Adams, whose name was attached to Washington, has gone over to the Government. And the friends of the Gov. do not wish a watchword that their friends can not fully understand. A few flags were hoisted but nothing general. This shews how party may injure names in the best circumstances.

24. No snow as yet to cover the ground & the air so pleasant from 10 a. m. till sundown as to render a walk on the Neck delightful. The U. S. troops at Marblehead fort appeared on Naugus Head & performed all their evolutions & firing & then at sundown returned to the fort. I made my visit to the Neck with my young friends as in summer.

25. Sunday. The Fever of the Fanatics still rising. 17 dipped at the Upper Baptists & 2 at the lower. Spaulding has had a lecture every day in the week. All his friends preaching & praying & a very great number of spectators. The Universalists have also there Lecturers who have also in their turn crowded houses. Last Sunday we had a Mr. [Abner] Kneeland of this new sect, who is intended for a new Congregation to be Collected in Charlestown, & at the Tuesday lecture Mr. [Hosea] Ballou, who is now stationed at Portsmouth. He is at present the most popular man, author of Books & Hymns. Mr. [John]

Murray, by a paralytic affection, is withdrawn from his labours as an itinerant, & Mr. [Edward] Turner intends to keep a School in Salem, as he has not any thing to employ him in the week. Mr. [Charles W.] Milton who has so successfully wrought at Newburyport & took a large fraction of Parsons' alias Murray's Presbyterian Congregation has been at the Branch twice in the past week to help Brother Spaulding. We have not so good a tally of the converts who are not dipped, but they all boast of their numbers tho' it is said S[paulding] says he hatches chickens & they turn Ducks. We are in the highest tumult & vexation of fanaticism. Good old Dr. Matignon of the Holy Cross, Boston, was here upon his Catholic labours, but at a christening of a child in Becket Street, belonging to one Swasey, he was beset by the leaders of the Freewill sect & they most grossly insulted the Old Gentleman. They read to him 2 Peter, 2 & pronounced very freely on his service. One Taylor & one Boden, two Shoemakers, undertook this work. The Doctor refused to suffer any of his friends to interfere & expressed his pity at the ignorance & impudence of these intruders. We are apt to pronounce our own evils the greatest. We may say our evils are great enough. The insolence of these fanatics is unbounded. It is said that on one evening last week were 13 lectures reckoning all the meetings in public & private houses for religious purposes. After the discourses from the pulpit the deacons & lay brethren rise & exhort. The ministers go round to the distressed. One Smith has gone to the utmost length of invective. One affronted Sister begged of G[od] that he would discharge one of his arrows dipt in eternal poison into the heart of an Offender, and Smith said, the Angels had long prayed that G[od] would bear with sinners no longer, but cut short his work & damn them. Sp[aulding] tells that the world is going to wreck & ruin. That when the troublesome business of the Turks was over & they were driven from the holy land, God would soon have his work done.

27. Mr. W[illiam] Gray, lately a Merchant in Salem, has exposed himself to all the virulence of invective by becoming a Candidate for the office of Lieut. Governor. It is impossible to descend to greater meanness than his former professed friends have done because he will not go all lengths with them. Yesterday the Reps. of Essex had a Convention at Ipswich in which they concurred with the nomination of Gerry & Gray, & nominated their list of Senators for Essex. T. Kitteridge, D. Kilham, W. Pearson, M. Little, J. Barker & B. Crowninshield. Their resolutions were to express confidence in the administration of Mr. Madison, their right to protest ag[ainst] res[olutions] of State Legislature, their disapp[roval] of England, & of Jack-

son. Gen. Ralph Cross, Pr[esident], John W. Treadwell, Sec[retary].

28. This day closes a remarkable winter. Allowing for its cold days the season has been moderate & many days pleasant & the Streets of Salem have not been covered with Snow during the three winter months & only one day in any degree fit for a sleigh. The mean of January was at freezing point for four observations & this is upon a mean 3 degrees higher than in the preceeding winter. The mean of December at four observations was 40 degrees, but of the preceeding year at the same time, place & Therm. 37, a mean of 3 degrees less, but Dec. 1807 gave a mean of 41. The mean of February now closed has been 36° & of the year preceeding 30 degrees & the same as in 1808. Giving this year a mean of 3 degrees of heat over the last year for the three last winter months. A mean of 36 for winter.

March 1 [1810]. Gen. Stark's Letter to Pr[esident] Madison is now published. The president has all the documents & my opinion. The Letter will appear in our next Register. I find it difficult to obtain a passage for my papers to Pr[ofessor] Ebeling of Hamburg. I had not any conception before of the prejudices of Merchants. We envy because we are ignorant of men. Alas for poor human nature.

2. Dr. Little & Mr. Bowditch with me on the Subject of a Library Company.* It is proposed to unite the Social with the Philosophical Library & to give us for the Philosophical Library a consideration for our shares. I acquiesced but did not discover a wish to make the proprietors of the Philosophical Library ample compensation. There was too much of the Merchant to be seen in this Literary enterprise. They confessed the sum proposed was not up to the true value of the Books. Some of our Company will look out for interest, the only fear is whether I shall know the true state of facts. I have suffered much in my feelings by sinister designs in regard to my proportion of the Ph[ilosophical] Lib[rary] & shall purchase in no other.

3. We had a curious occurrence this day. The leading men at the Tabernacle with their Minister had their goods taken for some deep speculations which have involved the interest of many innocent & unsuspecting men, widows & orphans. It began by the failure of one of these Saints & extended to all. The leaders in the Spiritual convulsions of that Society. The poor exclaim Speculation is still worse than Orthodoxy. The vile man who has been grasping the money of the poor, very lately asked a good old lady of my society upon her return home with him, in the cant of his hypocrisy whether she really loved God. This wretch has

*The Salem Athenaeum, which was organized that year, and is still in existence.

lately borrowed the all of several persons & the dear earnings of industry & has devoured the whole.

4. Sunday. A pleasant day as we had six joined to our Church not upon principles of Superstition, but to establish the best interest of Society. Our domestic fanaticism is not yet at a close. 16 were dipped at the Close Baptists & 5 at the Open this day. And the superintendent of the Charity House without leave of the Overseers ventured to admit a Night Lecture by the Open Baptist in the Charity House. One of the Overseers told me this was not licenced. The Tabernacle Speculation for body, rather than soul has given some shaking to their fanaticism. But the protestation of the sufferers has been of advantage to the Minister where it has awakened the zeal of his partizans & he probably will profit several hundred dollars by the failure.

6. We have had a severe but short N. E. storm. It began with rain & thunder in S. W. shifted, blew high, with rain, snow & hail. It cleared soon after day & began with violence about 11 at night. It is mentioned as a fact that in the course of last week there was a time when there was not a Single prisoner of any name in the prison of Salem. The business of breaking* among our Speculators seems to have progressed out of doors. It was a secret how so many bold adventurers should have so many means. But it now appears that they were not afraid to risk any man's money. The failures are chiefly among the religious adventurers who will not claim Salem as the place of their Nativity.

8. A late statement assures that there are 8 men in Ipswich above 80 years of age. The Longevity of that place well known. The Federal Caucus of this week was not fully attended. They have new nominations every time. The late failures by which Col. Archer has led off one division & the Minister & Deacons of the Tabernacle another, has had a tendency to thin their ranks as these noted Speculators were the most active in distributing votes for which they took their pay in continuing their notes which are now discounted.

9. This evening was the Republican Caucus. It is said 500 were assembled & the Nomination was the happiest I have ever seen. The whole list carries a respect with it as all the citizens on it are in good reputation for moral life, talents & consistent patriotism. Gen. Stark has been much insulted, as well as President Madison, for the publication of a correspondence between these two patriots which has done wonders in New England in confirming the patriots in their duty. The Opposition fear the final success.

11. Sunday. Note. May Allen, d. of her husband. The several failures among the Opposition men & the Caucuses of the

*Falling in business.

past week have prevented any new occurrence in the world of fanatics. We are promised a fast at the Branch next week & then Mr. Spaulding is to exhibit his harvest.

12. This day our annual Town Meeting. The day was stormy but no art was unemployed by the agents of the Opposition to embarrass the proceedings. It was high noon before the Inhabitants had prepared to vote but the result was much in their favour. The Town Clerk had a majority of 180. The Town Treasurer & Assessors were chosen by hand votes & the selectmen by ballots & the Republican ticket obtained by a mean of all the candidates by 117. This was much greater success than in the last year in which the Republicans gained only two at the first choice & two men of the opposition held seats at the Selectmen's board through the year. The elected Selectmen are M. Townsend, Jo. Winn, Joshua Ward, Jona. Neal & B. Crowninshield.

14. Capt. White returned me my letters as he dare not suffer his ship to touch at Denmark in any part, tho' letters are in circulation that the Danes have denied any intended hostilities to the Americans. These letters are said to have passed bet[ween] Gen. Armstrong & the Danish Minister. The Strength of the friends of our Administration discovered at the last meeting has awakened all the bitterness of party zeal in Salem. But the Shameful insolvency of so many federalists, which falls upon the mechanics, is an offset in all the threatenings that they shall have no more employment, it being thought better to be denied the labour than to be cheated out of the reward of it. The republicans discover rather too much exultation.

16. In the Branch Mr. Spaulding, who has visited the Presbyterian Churches of N. Y. State, for the first time introduced their manners such as evening Communion, sitting at table in the Isles, fasts & thanksgiving before & after Communion, special Communions & not monthly, days to receive Communicants, &c. all before unknown. Mr. S. this day exhibited according to appointment the candidates for Baptism & admission to Communion & with great effect as he collected an uncommon number of people together on the occasion. An assembly in the day time is a rare occurrence as our lectures in the day have been for a Century miserably neglected. One of the Converts left a letter on the table & absconded. In the letter he has provided in case he should not return. We have no explanation. Several have gone off lately in these paroxysms who have returned in the highest rage of fanaticism. We shall have maniacs enough.

17. The Salem Rep. Resolves go to a full defence & approbation of the Administration. They are opposed to Jackson, to Mass. Resolves on that subject, & to all the measures pointedly & explicitly which concur to degrade our own government.

18. Sunday. Notes. James Grey, d. of his wife & himself

sick, son at sea. An example of uncommon intemperance followed by most powerful paralytic affections which he has endured 10 years. Since his palsy for a long time he refused all spirituous liquors & never accepted them but by prescription of his physicians. His wife the best of friends. Clifford Bryne & wife, d. of her sister Gray, friends at sea. On Friday was the most public triumph of Fanaticism that Salem ever saw. Since the information has been more full. At that time Mr. Miltimore, a pupil of the late Mr. Murray of Newbury Port & well charged with Presbyterianism, formerly settled at Stratham, N. H. & lately translated to the New Meeting House, Newbury, just beyond the northern bounds of Newbury Port. We learn not only of the man but what the extraordinary occasion gives. After the services 53 persons of all ages, sexes, & colours were received into communion. 11 were baptised & among them one formerly baptised by me in her infancy. She gave a lying testimony that she was only baptised in the name of God, which a long dispute refutes in the letter. The girl is not of age & simple & a servant. This is only a bait to catch gulls. A little artifice of the brain of Spaulding who is contemptible on all accounts. Another parade was made this day. The Evening Service has been put aside for the Communion. Mr. Miltimore put aside his parochial duties to be present. Three tables of the length of the middle Isle were served by Communicants. The house crowded with spectators. We now not only have the Immersion to precede the Sprinkling, but the form to invalidate the Baptism in any age. So we go. At the same time the First Antipedo Baptists had another display of their conquests & 10 were immersed. These have actually baptised minors in the absence of their parents so that not only the order of the N. E. Churches is disregarded but the Laws which regard the subordination of Civil Society. We are now to see the Consequences. Could all these things be done in good humour we might be quiet with superstition. But the meanest tricks, the worst insinuations, & the basest enmities entangle around these prejudices. The opposition take hold of this as a plea for an establishment & scruple not to say that the best religion cannot find support in civil society unless it be administered in the same manner, as the Laws support all other concerns which relate to the common safety. Great indeed as is the calamity I am prepared for every sacrifice rather than take God's name in vain. But the will, not the sufferings of mankind has been against me.

21. Went with Mr. [John] Prout to the Fort of Salem. The 2d L. commands. They have 22 men. The Captain takes his quarters at Marblehead with the first Lieut. The recruits which are ordained in this quarter are to be sent to Salem. The Cannon at the fort are all dismounted & the Carriages housed by

order. Several Irishmen were apprehended in Salem for having been guilty of a riot in Boston on 17th St. Patrick's day. They demanded liquer & insulted the inhabitants as they had been used to do in such celebrations in Ireland. This is the first attempt of the kind which has come to our knowledge.

25. Sunday. In Salem, 9 more dipped at Brick Baptist. 8 young females & one Negro man. But it evidently subsides. It seems to have spread as far as education will suffer it & the tide must take another turn, not improbably in favour of more hope & less fear if not into downright licentiousness. But the bankruptcy of so many Orthodox just at this time & such as were high in spiritual things & in circumstances not barely suspicious & with great injury to many unsuspecting & suffering people, has had not a small influence in checking the malignity of fanaticism which threatened to become as pestilential as the diseases of our Great Cities. The election of some fanatical preachers into the School committee has induced the Free Will Baptists to think of a more honorable station than a barn & we are told a subscription is contemplated for a new Meeting House. There are no present appearances of success but there were less of all the houses lately built in Salem but a short time before they were erected. We have Minors in Communion without consent of parents.

26. The School Committee had their Meeting to organize. Three Clergymen & two laymen met, as it was foul weather. The Clerical Members Revd. Bentley, Spaulding, Bolles & Turner. The Laymen, J. Dodge, B. Crowninshield, Johonnet, Woodbridge, Sprague, J. Harthorne, Bastow, & Maxcy. The duty of Chairman & Clerk I accepted. Our whole Committee consists only of 10 members at present. We continued Salaries & made no changes & adjourned.

27. Pleasant enough to take my first ride to Spring pond with H[annah] C[rowninshield] & H. H[odges]. We found the air delightful & walking good. Aunt Shillaber complains that they have no schools and yet she confesses her son's family is the only one on Salem side that cares much about it. The talk is again revived of a House near the Spring & of a road to the turnpike & the grounds have again been surveyed. The scenery of nature will then be lost. The pleasures of retirement withdrawn & the innocence of amusement have a substitute in the folly of dissipation by being the resort of the vitious & idle rather than of the pure & contemplative. At present it is to my mind. Then it will be more to the mind of others. The thinning of the Groves, the tottering walls, the destruction of the wild fruit all warn of the approaching changes in a place in which I have taken great delight. Mrs. Shillaber, æt. 78, tells me the house near the Spring was burnt about 50 years ago. Tho'

living the nearest neighbour to the spot she had never visited it but once in a long life, it being out of the way. We begin to partake largely in the amusements of Boston. Whenever they get satiated in the Capital it is but a trip to Salem to employ a few days in the small way. We have a Circus which not only gives a riding School but a place for all the feats of rope dancers & their attendants. This day we had rope flying across the road entering Salem & in the evening we had Recitations from the servants of the Theater & next the infant rejoices with favorite songs. We come on masterly. This evening I heard the recitations of Mr. Fennel & Morse. Fennel has power in himself but the high & low notes left little to admire with general character of the performance. The Colloquial parts were best performed because most natural & here Mr. Fennel excelled. His "Satan to the sun," was Fennels' best declamation. Mr. Morse had not expression to support the highest heights, his lighter pieces were the best. I fear for the increase of these amusements. A full company.

29. The extensive kindred of Mr. [Benjamin] Millet at the funeral brought a numerous kindred together. The original stock was of the Hardy family & this involves the Ropes, Phippen, Henfield, & indirectly most of the old families of the Town. The part of the town near Herbert & Union sts. was Hardy's field, & the funeral was from the site of Hardy's house. The Street near the Meeting House is named from the same family. A field yet remains. A Pear tree of unknown age.

30. The Caucuses again for next Monday's election. Many attended as usual & the Republicans are in good spirits. We always speak of our last as the most warmly contested election but we have many persons to hit from Mr. Gray's interest. The many resignations of the Opposition list of Senators will give advantage to our members, but the prepondency of long standing will not be overcome whoever should be candidates. We are told Cape Ann will do better & better arrangements.

April 1 [1810]. Sunday. This month was introduced by the severest Snow Storm of the Season. It began in the morning & became violent towards night & the largest flakes & for the longest time descended ever seen. It was accompanied with heavy rains in the night, so that the bed on the earth is but of a few inches & very level everywhere. Wind S.S.E. & then changed to N.N.W. We are clad in the full dress of winter. Notes. Mary Millet & Children, d. of her husband, Benjamin, & friends at sea. Sarah Millet & Children, d. of her only Son. William Peele, d. of their Son in Law B. Millet, pr. for son at sea.

2. The day of our annual election of Gov. L. Gov. & Senators & in Salem we succeeded upon the Republican ticket by a handsome majority & so far as our information extends we

partook of a common spirit with our citizens of Massachusetts. Before last year we had only 15 majority, then we rose to exceed one hundred & this year we have added well to our numbers. This a good election Monday. We had not little contention.

3. Many Rep. votes were at Sea, from Salem said 300, but from Marblehead a great number is known to be at sea. In consequence of the late failures in Salem several presentments for Usury have taken place. Usury may be a Crime, but when our citizens sow the risk to save these wretches & heard their pleas, if they ventured upon extraordinary risk it is enough they should lose their property & not be punished by the ingratitude of the miscreants who betrayed them. The two principal failures are the greatest by a Barber* who finally obtained a Credit of 160,000 Dollars & involved several shallow pated fellows in his schemes when he had not a farthing at bottom. The other was a professed saint & soul examiner among the fanatics & he involved his brother deacons & minister, who had about as sound sense and as much real honesty as he had.† These are not records of prejudice but the sober opinion of our most discreet citizens.

5. Being the Annual Fast. It was a pleasant day & a decent congregation. Contribution 75 dollars. We had good music on the occasion & the day was well observed by the good order which prevailed throughout the town. The Anthem of the Morning was the old One, I said I will take heed. In the evening we closed with Denmark. Several persons assisted us on the occasion.

7. Committee at my House & distributed 75 D. among the poor of the Society. Health continues & a Spring like day. The Rabbits on the Neck farm increase but prove dangerous to the young trees so that the keeping of them is rendered very uncertain without confinement. They were introduced only last season from those at Baker's island. Before a few years the sight of one was a curiosity among us.

8. Sunday. The Fanaticism of Salem is nearly at an end. They who provoked the fever, find Spaulding so much better able to inflame it that they are for cooling remedies. But it must expose them to contempt when we find that as soon as one gives notice of a night lecture all of them take the hint & appoint at the same time for the farce they make. Few scruple to say that the competition is not an avowed one.

10. Visited the family of Capt. John Endicott who has lately moved into Salem from New Mills, Danvers. He bears the name of our first Governour & the Father of our primitive settlements. We are not without hopes that his posterity will rise to their first honours as the children still retain the form & character of the Primitive Worthy. Capt. John has gone for the West Indies

*Lt.-Col. Samuel Archer.

†Deacon John Andrew.

& left his family in Daniels street, & in our Society, & some fine children belong to it. I tell John he must be Governour. He looks like my portrait of his ancestor & says he will. The history of the family is from the Church Books that John Endicott & Elizabeth his wife are the only persons known on the records of the Church till Gov. Endicott removed to Boston in 1663 & died in 1665 on the 15 of March & was buried on 23, æt. 77, & consequently above 40 years of age when he came to America. In 1666, in the year after the death of the Gov[ernor], were publicly baptised the three Children of Mary, wife of Zerub[abel] the Son, by the names of John, Samuel & Zerubobel. G[reat] G[rand] S[on] John made his will in 1689 in which he was called a Surgeon in his Majesty's service & as having a wife Anne with Child & upon her decease & decease of his Child provides for his Brother Samuel. Zerubabel, G[rand] S[on] continued at Salem & was received into the Salem Church in 1666 as a Baptised person. In 1672, 14 July, was baptised Joseph, Son of Mr. Endicott, the same Zerubabel, the only one of the Church, & 4 Nov. 1677 was baptised Mehitabel his daughter. In 1678, Mrs. Endicott was recommended & received from the Church in Wenham this being the Mother of Zerubabel G[rand] S[on]. In 1677, Mr. Bayley was at the Farms & received into Salem Church & he preached in the farms, the farmers having petitioned for preaching as early as 1666, but not agreeing in the motion. Mr. Burroughs succeeded Mr. Bayley in 1680. Mr. Endicott was among the members to form the Village Church in 1689, & the neck remained with the Precinct, till the Lower Danvers were incorporated in 1754, but the Church was formed in 1713.

11. I went up to the Endicott farm & obtained from Capt. John Endicott a number of twigs from the Old Endicott pear tree for President Adams, & sent them carefully put up to him at Quincy. Capt. Endicott appeared pleased to bestow them in this manner. For the first time I visited the narrow point between the two branches of the River upon which stand the mills at the two bridges below the Settlement. It is now employed for fish flakes. We passed to the farm house by the bridle road & returned by the meadows. When we entered the road we saw a small basin of water romantically covered with willows near our right & on our left a rich spring with a wall near it, which had also a generous willow bending over it & on a late arrangement among the heirs of Mr. Sprague which held the Northern part of the pasture seemed to promise a better cultivation. South of the farm House on the opposite side of the road through the farm, labourers were digging a cellar for a new house to be erected on that spot.

12. Capt. Edw. Allen, who married the only surviving child

of Gen. Fiske, failed & stopped payment. Several years since he lost by a failure in Spain 25 th D. his whole stock in Trade. He has employed Brothers in law who have not rewarded his confidence & by incidental expences which have arisen he has been obliged to the sad necessity of stopping payment. Various opinions are given of his situation & he is a man much beloved. The event which precipitated his fate was the record of a deed of his wharf to a Brother in Law for security, at a time when we are full of alarms. As soon as this was known he was surrounded by the demands of his creditors. His new garden & fish ponds, wharves & summer houses on the Neck farm will now probably be interrupted in the expected improvements. Salem never saw so many failures before & among the Opposition men.

15. Sunday. Note. James Browne & wife, Delivery, Son at Sea. In the past week Spaulding of the branch was violently attacked as having united with his preaching some political purposes among the blacks. The charges were high coloured. Spaulding replied that his instructions to the blacks had been continued several years & he denied all the facts alledged & with a point which lessened him with no party. A rejoinder was in the next paper, but below contempt & discovered that no man of understanding could be engaged in the affair. Upon the whole true state of this controversy seems to be this. A number of persons, Clergymen & others have been very assiduous in Salem to excite a spirit of fanaticism like that in Newbury Port & I doubt not at the instigation of the same men through their creatures in this town. This was unobserved by these laymen till it had reached the most dangerous excesses. Mr. Spaulding, who since his ejection from the Tabernacle had been completely in the back ground, now was in his proper element. He saw what had begun & had been carrying on in the Tabernacle & now had every motive to inflame his zeal. With his talents exactly suited to such times he engaged in the work & as might be expected has outdone them all & this success has brought upon him the outrage he has suffered. It remains for the good sense of a few of our citizens to say whether by the sad extremes of this fanaticism we are to be eventually disgraced before the world. Mr. Spaulding has lost nothing by the controversy, and the cause of fanaticism has gained nothing. He has not discretion to use his violences. He has been at the top & bottom of fanaticism several times and his victory is to his cause a defeat. But desperate had been the case of rational religion had not Spaulding been the Chief of its enemies in the town of Salem. After having communicated to Dr. Eliot my thoughts of Hubbard, I was led by his note on Dennison, that he was not in the catalogue, to inquire more particularly. I find among My MNSS. that Dr. Denison, as he is called from MNSS. Sermons in my possession,

preached as early as Feb. 14, 1637. Dr. E. says he died in 1679, which must be a mistake, for then if he preached only at Canonical age he must have been at 60 & he probably was 20 years older as the preachers were who took the direction of the first Settlements. A like rumour was made in Salem, when Mr. Norris' Son was put instead of the Father in several reports. Could he then have been forgotten?

16. From Capt. John Endicott I obtained the Succession of his Family to himself. The order of descent then was from John the Gov. to John the Son, to Zerubabel the G[rand] Son, to Samuel the third generation, & then to his Son Samuel, & then to his Son John, & to his Son John, now living upon the "Orchard Farm," æt. 71, Dec. 1809. He has four sons living, Samuel, John, Jacob, & Timothy in Salem. Anna the daughter of Anne, & John mentioned in the Will of 1689 married Samuel the Son of Samuel & Grandfather of the present John of the Sixth Generation. This family for the last three generations united to [the church in] Lower Danvers, first under Mr. Prescott, & then Mr. Holt.

17. This day Capt. John Endicott for the sum of Three Dollars sold me the Dial* belonging to the first Gov. Endicott & the first ever used in our Colony & the oldest now to be found in all America. I hope the family will rise again. The Son of said John consented that I should possess the Dial. The sale was from the Father only. This day the Neck Farm was stripped by attachments of the effects of Capt. Edw. Allen. Never was an event more unexpected. His wife is the only surviving child of the late Gen. Fisk & she has consigned all her property to the creditors of her husband & the whole estate disappears. They have six children. The Mystery is yet unexplained as the reputation of Capt. Allen led him to no excesses & his wife could not be exceeded in prudence. The first serious failure since I have been in Salem among my friends.

21. Dr. Prince of the Old Church brought me a representation signed by himself & Dr. Barnard of the North Church, which I signed with them, in which we say that as the three Ministers who were supporters of the Philosophical Library, we resign our portion of the Library to the Athenaeum Company, not upon the bare payment of 50 Dollars, which is but half the sum I have expended, to have common privileges with the Clergy, but upon the express agreement that we have the same privileges secured to us as belong to the members during our natural lives & free from any assessments whatever. The adjournment of the full meeting was till this day.

23. On account of the imprudences of young ——† I went

*This sun dial is now preserved in the museum of the Essex Institute.

†Andrew Dunlap, afterwards a distinguished attorney and U. S. District Attorney for Massachusetts, 1829-1835.

to Cambridge. I had every attention from Mr. Hedge, P[ro-
fessor] of Logic. He waited upon me to the President, Mr.
Webber, to Mr. Farrar, Pr[ofessor] of Math. &c. I visited the
Lib[rary] & had attentions from Mr. Thacher, Librarian. I
found the G[overnment] persuaded that to withdraw the youth
was best to be done. Upon my return to Salem found a youth*
unknown of 17 had put an end to his existence. It was supposed
from the melancholy of the Times. Vice & Fanaticism spring
up together. Salem has witnessed more fanaticism & more
Crimes in one year than in the whole history of its existence.

28. Went to Philips Beach as the weather would allow. My
two H's amused themselves. We travelled the beach. Found the
Lynn S. boundary [stone] broken down.

May 1 [1810]. A pleasant day which I welcomed by a morn-
ing walk on the neck with my female pupils. It was also a Mil-
itary day, under the command of the Captains of the respective
Companies.

2. Yesterday was inserted in the Register of Salem, the first
no. of the Biographical Sketch of General John Stark. I sus-
pect we are indebted to his Son in Law Stickney for this Sketch.
It is written in the original simplicity of the Author, but might
have preserved its simplicity & yet have had a neater dress.

4. In visiting the house of Mr. Henfield, standing at the
south west corner of the Old Meeting House, I noticed its great
antiquity & being persuaded it must have been among the first I
found that it was purchased of Hilliard Veren heirs who re-
ceived it from their ancestors. It was purchased by Peter Wendel,
as they pronounced it, & sold by him to the grand father of the
present Mr. Henfield who lived in it. Of this Veren family
much might be conjectured as his ancestor Philip Veren is named
in the first Church Covenant next to Endecott & Sharp both of
whom lived near each other in what is now called Danvers or
Cow house River. Philip Veren was dead in 1660 as Mr. Hig-
ginson noticed when he copied the Old Book & his Son Philip.
Hilliard, his Son, was received into the Church in 1647 & was
living in 1660 as we prove in the same way. And Hilliard, son
of Hilliard, & G[rand] S[on] of Philip, was baptised in 1649,
& was living in the memory of persons who have been living in
Salem since the revolution. This accounts for giving the next
man to Endicott & Sharp the first lot near the meeting house as
Endicott had the opposite lot, & his G[rand] Son built the house
now the Ship Tavern† near the new Court house, to be near the
[river] bank & the communication with the Orchard Farm. The
father of the present Henfield, was born in the house in 1720.
In the house I found Thomas Wilson of Canterbury's, Christian

*James, son of Samuel Derby.

†Corner of Washington and Church streets.

Dictionary, Lond[on], 1616, but I found nothing American to be noticed.

5. Wrote to P[rofessor] Ebeling by the Brig Success, Treadwell, Master, bound to Toningen & sent two small boxes & package. The Brig sailed immediately after the delivery of the papers. Lieut. Larabee, Dr. Babson & Mr. Smith dined with me this day. We are in the midst of Commercial reports & preparing for Elections.

6. Sunday. Note. Hannah Webb, d. of her Child, Pr. for Husb. Stephen at Sea. I cannot refuse to hope that much of the fury of Fanaticism has abated in Salem. The Methodists had so far prepossessed the people of Marblehead that no room was left for the Baptists who by no means answer their expectations in that place. Indeed there is no person to oppose since the fanatics have the direction of both the Cong[regational] Societies. In Beverly the Baptists begin to make serious Commotion. The high salary of Mr. [Abiel] Abbot has contributed to many a secular conversion. From Danvers, several persons were dipped last Sunday at the Baptist Society & the spirit of lectures is kept up. We learn that Mr. Burr of Sandwich has declared for the Hopkinsians & his people refuse to raise any Salary so that a seperation must ensue. This man was much esteemed by Mr. Freeman of Boston as a rational Christian formerly, but has now openly avowed quite contrary sentiments. The Baptists are well known at present at Kingston & Monument* in the Old Colony. Mr. Richardson has printed a Fast Sermon which I wish was a higher character. Dr. [David] Osgood, on the Sunday after the fast, preached at Cambridge his Absalom sermon. This discourse for malignity of temper, & falsehood of representation, & for abuse of the pulpit, goes far before anything which has yet appeared. It is said the Democrats intend to publish so many as to sell them for 2 cents each. It is a subject of curious enquiry, whether the late Eph. Bownd of the second Baptist Church in Boston, & Founder of that Society, whose house is now taken down to be rebuilt in brick for Dr. Baldwin, be not a descendant of the Bownds, who were in the first Church in Salem at its formation. In 1660, when Mr. Higginson obtained leave to destroy the old Church Book, he copied out such things as he wished to retain & marked such as were dead, of the first Church members or had removed, & he marks William Bownd & Anne Bownd as excommunicated. The presumption is from the excommunication of the heads of a family, it was for some heresy & not immorality. We have no history accompanying this transaction. The reason which Mr. H[igginson] gives for the destruction of the book, that it contained slanders, might cause the event which excluded these members.

*Manomet, a parish in Plymouth.

It would not be enquiry without some reasons whether they were excommunicated under Williams or Peters, or whether they were friends of Williams who was thought to favour the Baptist sect to which Eph. Bownd belonged. Eph. left no posterity & I never knew from whence he came to Boston as the name was lost in that place after his decease.

7. Received A. D.* into my Study from regard to his Mother. He was prepared for College by a Mr. [Samuel] Adams at a Proprietors School in Salem & entered College last Commencement. But his indiscreet behaviour & habits induced the G[overnment] to advise his friends to withdraw him promising to receive him upon proof of his Good behaviour & attention to his studies. From circumstances I was induced to accept the charge. The following he reports as the course of college studies for the Freshmen at Cambridge & which he is to follow. Two weeks, Greek. Two weeks, Latin. Thursday afternoon, Review. History, Millot, on Friday Morning. Friday noon, Hebrew, afternoon, English. Saturday morning, Reading or Declamation, at nine A. M., Mathematics, at eleven, Hebrew. Sunday, Grotius de veritate.

8. A Writing Master by the name of [Abel] Wrifford is now in Salem. He has high recommendation from Cambridge & Boston for his superiour skill in teaching writing in a short time. His Certificates are published. We have had several promises of the same nature & they have published their systems without much advantage.

9. The policy of Salem this year makes the Selectmen surveyors, & they are turnpiking Essex street from the W. Corner of the Mall from Newbury to the E. Meeting House. It is done with balost from the Shores. It begins at the end of the pavement. Disputes about the bounds of Webb's lot on harbour side of Webb street. Skipper Whitford gave Webb this lot to come into the fields & settle with him below the town. The honest word to Whitford gave it & Whitford's heirs are narrowing it.

10. A Child burnt to death in Marblehead from the zeal of the Mother [named Jones] to be at Night Lectures. A Child of 6 years left to keep house. A specimen of the Meeting Mania which Worcester has begun in this quarter & which is extending far & wide among the ignorant. This day was notified for the sale of the remaining pews in the Universalist Meeting alias New Brick. We hear the sales are not finished. This is the second trial after much exertion to promote the sale.

11. This day was assigned for the funeral of Major General Lincoln of Hingham, Mass. who was of the Staff of the Continental army in the war of the Revolution, æt. 78. He had been in the same class with me, which gave me some knowledge of him before the American revolution as early as in 1773. He em-

*Andrew Dunlap.

barked warmly in the Cause of the Colonies & in circumstances very honourable to him as Hingham was the residence of some active friends of the British minister. This heroism gave him influence beyond his own personal merits as he had a dangerous situation & after the revolution, like Stark had he maintained the same ground the highest opinions might have been entertained of his integrity. But as situation brought him to public notice, so after the revolution it threw him into the arms of men exactly in manners & character resembling those he had opposed at the commencement of the revolution. No man was in competition with Gen. Lincoln & therefore it was easy to promote him when any commands excited jealousies. The English said "Queer Generals, Moultrie, Lincoln, Elbert, Ash." The true character of Gen. Lincoln in his military character can be seen in our history. As a citizen he had great integrity, but he considered his wishes & his will as his duty with out seeking a definition. While in S. Carolina he was in favour with a Mr. Ferguson, whose son he brought to Mass. & entered into Harvard College. The youth was expelled. Lincoln attempted his restoration with the immediate Government & then by Mr. Lowell, with the Corporation & then with the Overseers & gave us so much trouble ag[ainst] the unanimous sense of the Gov[ernment] that a resignation was contemplated. The Father came on and instantly approved of our proceedings & sent two sons to the same College in proof of his sincerity. Lincoln also suffered himself to be put at the head of a party to oppose the settlement of Mr. Richardson [at Hingham] & was present after his powers were insufficient even to converse on the subject so completely was he seduced by his new friends & abused by them. At the Council I had conversation with him on former times & never lost respect for his good services while I could attribute very little to the vigour of his powers or his knowledge of men. In such things as he did from sober convictions he was of integrity. I have not yet seen any character of him in the public prints.

13. Sunday. Note. Obadiah Thomas, d. of Father & Mother & two Sisters at Nantucket, in from sea. Mr. [Abiel] Abbot of Beverly, for the first time has opened his Meeting House for night lectures. The rage of Beverly exceeds, we are assured, that of Salem. The majority of the population are in the humblest grades of information. The Baptist minister expects a harvest. As the Law obliges the taxes and the salary of Mr. Abbot is high, they will have better hopes with the Baptists. Mr. Abbot consents to all this zeal. How far his ill health & education agree with his present policy we shall soon discover. Dr. Fisher calls it the Meeting Mania. Worcester of Salem is at his old game of deception that he managed so unskilfully at Fitchburg. At a late Association, in the absence of the Cong[regational]

Ministers of Salem, he proposed to spend the next term with another association far gone in the doctrine of Consociation or Connecticutism, a scheme strenuously opposed in Massachusetts in Convention several years since & at the only time I ever was in the convention. Consent was obtained at this favourable moment for the meeting. But the good easy men have since found that they voted to unite with the association they were to visit & that they are to be understood in a manner they never conceived. So we have Fiske & Whitaker over again in Salem. Drs. Bernard & Prince have expressed their displeasure at this great imposition. In Windham, Maine, the minister lately settled in the place of a Mr. [Nathaniel] Stone, who keeps school in Salem, was to give or receive notice of discontent & that was to justify a sepeparation. He has already given a three months notice of his intended resignation. Mr. Stone intends to leave Salem, to be a candidate for a Parish somewhere. Osgood of Medford is not the only minister who has given us a hot Fast Sermon. A Mr. Channing of Boston has published an invective against the French in favour of the English nation. These publications have been noticed in the Patriot & Chronicle of Boston. Last Thursday the Universalists had their sale of pews. By the silence observed since it is to be apprehended that they had not distinguished success. On the Marblehead road on Saturday, I stopped at Osgood's where I saw some beautiful girls on foot from the center of Lynn bound to the Night Lecture in Salem. The exercises are over about ten & then these females accompanied by their friends on their return are able to settle their concerns for both worlds at once. As I passed the Seamen observed of the girls, "Candidates for another dipping." These things speak louder than any description which could make from the frequency of these assemblies or any reasoning we may indulge in the subject.

15. The success of the Republican ticket has been great. Every where the federal ticket is upon the decline. This evening a Caucus in Salem & 12 Reps. in nomination but no opposition so that we are in expectation for once of an uncontested election. The unhappy failures in business & frauds have strangely been found to fall upon the opposition with no small injury to public favour.

16. The Bells rang for the Meeting for the choice of Representatives. But it was as quiet as any day. No contest appeared & the Republicans did as they pleased in the choice of New candidates. By this we do not understand that the Opposition are quiet, but so inferior in numbers & influence as to deem their exertions not worthy the labour which would be in vain. For the first time on the neck heard Beverly Bell for a Night Lecture & saw the meeting House illuminated. What a falling off from the former character of that town by weak ministers. Mr. [John]

Hale was among the first preachers of his day & so Mr. [Thomas] Blowers. Mr. [Joseph] Champney was in good hands & [John] Chipman of the upper parish would not suffer the people to tread upon C. President [Joseph] Willard & President [Joseph] Mackean maintained the dignity of the pulpit, but alas!

20. Sunday. Notes. Luke Brooks & wife, d. of his brother in law Pierce, died at Stoneham. Samuel Webb & wife, for him sick & brethren at sea. The Night Lecture at Beverly has already had some of its pretious* fruit. [Abner] Jones, the Itinerant Baptist, rose & made a speech. He found it generally unpopular & afterwards made an apology to the Incumbent & was desired not to do so again. Mr. Abbot must begin to see in what company he has gotten already.

25. The first warm day. Therm. near to 90 this day. I visited Spring pond & passed to the Turnpike & visited the Falling rock. My females ascended it. Preparations for a road from the turnpike to the Spring at the pond. Men at work. A purchase has been made of the land adjoining & a house is contemplated.

27. Sunday. Notes. Abigail Webb & children, d. of her husband Samuel Webb. John Webb, Wife & Children, d. of his Son Samuel Webb, pr. for a Son at Sea. Mr. [Isaac] Mansfield, formerly Minister of Exeter, N. H., sent me some such dates as he had collected for Essex County. With Hutchinson & Hubbard he had consulted the records of Wenham, Manchester, & Exeter & Marblehead & Letters Missive & says he had by him in Manuscript the Covenants of Boston, Taunton, Salisbury & Amesbury. The Origin of the first Association of Ministers in and about Charlestown & of Salem Association and Ministers respecting the Parker Council at Newbury, 1669. Mr. John Higginson's Judgment respecting admission to Churches, &c. all these that respecting Parker's Council is highly interesting as our records only give a hint & as Mr. Popkin has added no information on this subject in his history of Newbury. Mr Mansfield also being in Exeter, might give some account of [John] Wheelright which would be the basis of a correct history of Opinions in that Quarter. Wrote to Mr. Mansfield on this subject.

29. The change in the Legislature of the Commonwealth is great after a bold struggle for power. The members are hastening & the number it is ascertained will exceed 600. A monstrous body of Legislators & absurd upon every theory of Government that does not allow the people to represent themselves in their own persons.

30. Instead of going to Boston as usual on Election day, I

*An obsolete spelling of precious.

went upon a visit to Gen. Stark the Hero of Bennington. I did not stop till I reached Roger's in Tewksbury, 22 miles from Salem, as the Inns of our Interior accomodate to the demands of the Teams & not to the few travellers who have not the business of the Roads as their object. I tarried to take dinner at Rogers' & then passed 5 miles to the locks and entertained my female Companion H[annah] C[rowninshield] with the passage of the locks. We then passed through Tyngsborough to French's in Dunstable, N. Hampshire, & there we lodged. In Reading Precinct we passed the S. Andover turnpike to Boston & in Tyngsborough touched upon the turnpike which is to pass upon the banks of the Merrimac in that quarter. We had a heavy thunder storm in the night.

31. We left Dunstable after breakfast & passed to Merrimac, stopped at Thornton's. Capt. Thornton has lately built a convenient house. He waited upon me to the grave of his Father Matthew Thornton, who signed the declaration of our Independence & died at Merrimac with his Son in 1803, aged 80 years. This man has upon his Grave stone *The Honest Man*. He possessed a open & well informed mind, free from vulgar prejudices, & warm with patriotism. From Capt. James Thornton, born in 1769, I passed to Amoskeag & thence to Gen. Stark's, so that the whole distance was exactly 60 miles. I found the General in his former humour, repeating his war stories & free of his sarcasms upon Superstition in the fate of which he involves everything connected with religion not practical. He had read Paine & Palmer with relish, & his independent mind gathered little from the history of Religion but every thing from his own generous disposition. He soon discovered that his researches of history were small & his memory of them careless, but he spent all his enthusiasm in favour of virtue & patriotism. His conversation has no refinement, but deep sincerity. I flatter no man, I dare not flatter myself, & he who attempts to flatter me disputes with me, & I have as much pride in my opinions as any man, for they are the heart & soul of me. We went over the war & his battles. The history of his family & education. I find that his son Major Caleb Stark is collecting everything worthy of the public eye after his fathers' decease & for the honour of his memory. I carried some maps of the United States, a map of Mass. drawn by my Pupil, a head of Putnam & a little fun upon the English Minister. I dined with him upon the Shad of the River below his house & lodged in the family. Before Bedtime the family insisted upon an act of devotion. The Gen[eral] attended in silence & said nothing. The interview pleased me much. He said the worst Embargo of our Country was upon the plow & the Spinning wheels. There was less industry than there should be in a free Country. We should have no Embargoes at home. We

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MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN STARK.

From the drawing in red chalk made May 31, 1810 by Miss Hannah Crowninshield of Salem, Mass , and now owned by Miss Mary R. Crowninshield.

should despise to give any nation advantage over us from anything it would possess. A free people never think themselves dependant upon any people. They exchange but sell themselves in no bargain.

June 1 [1810]. I left Derryfield. The Gen[eral]'s son who lives in the house & has 22 living children, proposed my return by the Concord Turnpike & accompanied me through the woods three miles. The cross road had nothing to recommend it but as it led to a good turnpike, as instead of 60 miles in 43 miles after I touched it, I reached Salem upon a good Turnpike throughout the whole distance making the difference of 14 miles less upon the eastern side of the River & avoiding the irregular & bad roads on the western side. The new turnpikes on the western side are to lessen this difference. In Chester, 38 miles from Salem, we found kind attentions at Mr. Fulsom's at the Massabesec ponds, & the most romantic scenery that I ever saw. This alone would have rewarded a visit to the Turnpike which, tho' in good order, gave not one good building or rich field or well cultivated spot in the whole length of it. Thirteen miles below, after passing Londonderry & Windham, we dined at Col. Towne's in Salem, N. H. & were kindly entertained. We visited the Spiquet near the falls at Methuen, which we passed on the turnpike four times besides. We paid a few short visits at Andover & reached Salem at 10 in the evening, having come the whole distance from Gen. Stark without refusing ourselves the leisure of examining everything which appeared before us. At Rogers' we could have seen the Pawtucket falls by passing on the river road, not a mile further, but the object of our journey prevented us from a pleasure which we ought to have taken. Mr. Fulsom said it was above 30 miles round Massabesec in Chester. It was of a very irregular shape but lay so that the western part was well exposed on the Turnpike. The hill near Fulsom's allowed us to see Candia Meeting house & the eastern part of the pond, but not so great advantage as on the western side. The turnpike passed on a body of land which is seperated by a narrow communication of the different parts of the Pond, over which a small bridge is raised. We saw Monadnoc plain between the Peterborough & New Boston Hills over the western part of the pond. Chester is said to be above 20 miles long, but it is doubtful from its present state whether it has been surveyed. At Gen. Stark's I delivered him some wine which came from Mount Olympus which I told him was the seat of the Heroes after they became Gods. Yes, says he, after they began to enslave the men they saved. Just like drunken Arnold's promise, part & then betray. He knew no religion but virtue. He drank no wine but that of his own country. He was no God among Men. They should accept from heaven no Gifts but Liberty & virtue.

2. Upon my return I selected my remarks on the journey. Our first stop was at Upton's tavern in the point of Danvers between Lynnfield & Reading Precinct. We found the Son upon the same spot in which I found the mother 30 years ago. The roads over the hill till we reach the pine lands beyond the Precinct meeting house are still bad. The settlements upon the pine lands have increased & here we met the South Andover turnpike. Beyond Nod Mills, as we entered Wilmington, we stopped again at Harnden's Inn & as I had lived in Wilmington in the time of the siege & had been a school master I was able to converse about the inhabitants, but found death had swept the aged persons away. Revd. Merrill & Varney, Deacons Parsons, Jaquith, & Walker, Esqr. Ford & the Farmers Harnden, Hircomb, Jones, Pearson, Burt, Preston, &c. dead. In passing through Tewkesbury, we found less change in the appearance. Revd. Coggin has the place of Revd. Spaulding. Rogers in his house, which is the best upon the road, had united to his old house a new one in good style & he had just returned from the marriage of his Son at Woburn and the Son is in the ministry lately settled at Bernardston, our last town on the western side of Conn. In passing to the Canal we omitted to take the river road to see the Pautucket falls & went on to Chelmsford to the Locks. At these were passing Oak timber, pine lumber, & Cord wood. Soon after we left the locks we saw the work on the new Turnpike. We passed through Tyngsborough which near the meeting house had more the appearance of a village than any place through which we passed. The new House built not far from the old Mansion house of Col. John Tyng, by the wife of Mr. Brindley, who was a Pitts, is the most lofty & best furnished of any we saw. That of Azor Tyng given to Dudley Atkins upon taking the name of Tyng it is said the new heir has sold to a stranger. In passing through Tyngsborough we found that much had been done at stone cutting on the banks of the Merrimac. The stone was softer & of a lighter colour than that cut in Danvers. We saw in Dunstable a load of Shad which the Wagoner said he had taken at the mouth of the Concord with a scoop net. He informed us that there had been little success in other parts of the river which we found was true only of the general character of the fishes that from the low state of the water or some other cause the fishing not so profitable as in some other years. In passing from Chelmsford to Tyngsborough we saw in Chelmsford a Manufactory for Clothing & spinning. In the door of Mr. Rogers [we] saw the Cypress pine from the woods. In all the Swamps the low birch trees. The best growth was of the pitch pine. Their pine boards were not of the first quality. At the doors of most of the houses [we] saw stately elms. The Oak is little used for ornament. The style of building is improved. The square build-

ings of three stories are preferred as their best buildings. Squared stones are used for steps & foundations. The Inns were supplied with Indian corn but with little oats or barley. We saw very little horticulture. The Oxen were good, horses poor. The wag-gons for travelling use, horses & oxen, less than formerly. We saw Guiney hens at one farm in Chelmsford, & a very fat fox dog at Dunstable. More Rye than any other grain cultivated in this quarter excepting Indian Corn. The Barns are more improved than the houses & pantries much used. We found the Massabesec pond empties into the Merrimac by the Cohoss brook between Derryfield & Londonderry. Below Derryfield is Litchfield on the river & its meeting house we saw opposite to us at Thornton's in the Merrimac township. We found mills on all the streams as we passed up & down on both sides of the river. On the Nashua & Concord as well as upon the Souhegan, Piscataquay & the less streams on the west side & upon the Spicket & less streams on the east. We found that Tyngsborough goes to Mass. line & that Dunstable in Mass. is not upon the Merrimac but Dunstable in N. H. bounds upon the river from the line. We found many School houses on the road even where we could not find scholars. The Sects have entered all these towns. Baptist Meeting houses are in Danvers, Reading, Chelmsford, &c. Button woods & lombardy poplars & Balm of Gilead are in some places introduced as Ornamental trees near buildings. The free intercourse with our great towns & the ease & independance of our farmers have given them the dress of the City on their great days, & [the] natural form of man is better in the farm from the greater industry, temperance, & contentment. The canal at Amoskeag had not the execution which distinguished the Middlesex, but the many mills gave a greater appearance of business & the sublimity of the object a greater interest. Upon the whole it is scarcely possible in our Country to go in such extent & find more natural beauties & yet no where are to be found less of the arts, of population, or agriculture.

3. Sunday. The Episcopal Churches of New England distinct from Connecticut have chosen a Bishop at length. Much time has elapsed but such were their prejudices against each other that nothing could be done without great sacrifices. Mr. Wheeler lately deceased, was too republican & too great a Scholar & too independent, & had the first claim from talents & age. Mr. Fisher of Salem, is too excentric for their views & perhaps would not in any way serve their interest. The proposition of inviting Mr. Harris from New York did not suit the ambition of Mr. Bowers of Marblehead, who has the better claims from his talents & virtues. Montague of Dedham had not favour enough & Gardner of Boston was thought to have too little of professional manners for such promotion & did not struggle against the pub-

lic prejudices upon the subject. The person Elect is W. A. Griswold of Bristol in the State of Rhode Island.

4. Being Artillery Election I went to Boston & heard Mr. Lowell of Boston preach the Artillery Election Sermon. I had the mortification to hear that Mr. Jackson, the British Ex Minister, was to dine with the Company but not to be introduced to the Governour Gerry. This is indeed humiliating. That for the ceremonies of this day so trusting a Republican Gov. should be so debased. I was no witness of any of these transactions.

5. More failures in Business. Welman & Ropes have suffered their property to be attached. Salem never was witness to more speculations & more sufferings from them. We are not gone beyond recovery as the public amusements & expences have not yet destroyed our general economy.

6. The Elections of last week have terminated honourably. 7 of the new Council have been Chosen. There has been a long debate upon the Election Sermon by Parish. I gave my private opinion to take no notice of it. Committees as usual have been chosen. Votes for Gov. as admitted stood Gerry 46 th., Gore 42 th. with a majority for Gerry 2269. A member from Bristol was supplied in the Senate by a Majority in the House of 35. Boston had 42 members in the House.

8. The House of Reps. met upon the choice of a Senator for the United States & Gen. Varnum obtained the election over T. Pickering by 301 votes against 180. It has long been the ambition of the friends of the Administration to deliver the Senate from such a man as Pickering who pays no regard to the feelings of the persons who have the public confidence. The malignity of his temper I have witnessed sufficiently to see that nothing is in the way of his ambition. He has quarrelled with all our Presidents. His appointment would be the highest insult to the Government.

9. We have notice that the H. of Rep. would not ask a Copy of [Rev. Elijah] Parish's Election Sermon & actually passed a vote of censure upon it. The friends of this man have printed the Sermon which has all that profusion of imagery which a wild imagination could collect but without strength of thought or beauty of arrangement. It would be as much disowned by the scholar as by the politician.

10. Sunday. The event of last week in refusing to print the Election sermon is novel but justified upon the soundest policy. That men designated to support the Government should publish under any pretence a libel upon it, would be madness in the extreme. Happily in this case the censure falls upon a man whose talents cannot be degraded & whose reputation has little to forego. He has been a tool to Morse in the drudgery of extracts & is the editor of little boyish books in his own name. He has been

under the known influence of some hot headed men & has been exposed to his present infamy by his subserviency to their measures. Exit Parish. The Universalist Turner has published a fast sermon in which after mangling the beautiful passage of Isaiah by pretended criticism, he has crucified it between the two thieves, allegory & mystery. The beautiful moral lines are made to explain all the mystical sense of Calvinism run mad, and yet this man [is] said to be clear as a preacher & a wonderful reasoner. One quotation is enough. "It will suffice to remark, that the fast which the Lord hath chosen, cannot be kept in perfection & spirit, but by his holy annointed, the man made strong for himself & the constituted covenant of the people," &c. And then it goes on with a corresponding illustration. And this is plain preaching.

13. This day I went by appointment in the Custom H. boat with some friends to dine with Revd. Mr. Bowers of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead. I called upon Mr. [Isaac] Mansfield & obtained several valuable documents of our old times. Mr. Bowers has lately been on a tour to N. H. & R. I. upon the subject of the election of a Bishop. It seems that the late choice of Griswold was not unanimous & had not the concurrence of a majority of Churches in Mass. That it was a quietus to the people of N. H. & Vermont upon the subject of their Glebe lots, but that the establishment of the Bishop elect was doubtful, if not provided against. Revd. Mr. Bowers gave us an elegant entertainment and we were kindly received at the Fort by the Officers, & having spent the day agreeably we returned across the harbour to Salem.

14. Another self murder & the fourth within the space of one year & all among the families of the zealots. The first, a drunkard, died by poison with a Bible in his hand. The Second, under conviction, turned down passages in his Bible for the family to read. The third, a deacon, was seen in a posture of devotion under the tree upon which he soon after hanged himself. The fourth was of the branch in which so many late convulsions have taken place & superinduced upon habits of intemperance with transient deliriums. These all died by different ways, by poison, shooting, hanging & cutting throat. Only one of them born in Salem, & all of devout connections according to the prevailing fanaticism. These are the facts. It is not uncommon to hear these men with their worst passions wrought up by their imaginations, talking of their strong temptations to hate God, dethrone, oppose him. And it is not extraordinary that the delusion should spend upon themselves.

15. The Speech of Gov. Gerry has been printed in a pamphlet & the list of the members of the House upon a half sheet. The Senate have continued to perplex the question of the Senator of U. S. and Pickerings friends will not readily give him up as

they cannot supply his place. The Chamber of the H. of Reps. is to be altered to accomodate the six hundred members. The Leg[islature] adjourned on Tuesday last.

17. Sunday. I wrote to Mr. Popkin of Newbury, that Mr. Mansfield had a document respecting Mr. Parker which he might wish to obtain. It is a valuable document & I have transcribed it into my manuscripts as worthy to be preserved with care.

19. We had the distressing news of the [ship] Margaret of this port. Capt. [William] Fairfield has arrived. He with 15 escaped from the wreck & left 31 persons behind. The Ship in Lat. 40, Long. 37.W. was upset in a gale, filled, and was mostly under water. The loss of these lives will be great from the value of the persons who are of that number. The Ship was from Naples & had above 30 passengers from other vessels which had been condemned. Capt. H. Prince has a Son among them. The circumstances are to be given to the public immediately.

20. Went with my f[avorite] pupil H[annah] C[rowninshield] to Ipswich. We carried letters for Misses Smith, Cogswell, Heard, & Manning & were very politely received. Misses Heard & Andrews, Manning & Smith accompanied us to the beach which we passed as far as the projecting angle, the tide being full & then we took a pleasing survey from the steep Hill at the Northern end of the beach from which we had a full view of the farms on the southern end of Plum Island & of the entrance into Ipswich river & in the south, of the beautiful Hog Island so noted for its excellent mutton & the entrance to Je-baco.* Cape Ann, on its northern extremity, was visible but the air was not clear enough for a distant view. We passed many gates but we found some farms which did honour to Ipswich & tended to give a favourable opinion of its agricultural interest. As we approached the settlement we passed at the foot of Harbrook† hill, which has two conical tops, is high & fertile & includes above 300 acres. The weather was not clear enough to tempt us to ascend for the sake of the prospect. The ascent appeared easy. Upon our return we were entertained at tea & in the evening in the style of the Capital at the new house of Young Dr. Manning. Our female Companions were of this party & the Parson, Mr. Kimball, &c. with Ladies increased it. The evening passed agreeably. At a Mrs. Perkins' near the first Meeting House we were entertained with the sight of a rich piece of plate above a foot in diameter, with the Arms of Leveret on the face of it & richly cut on the rim with rural sports. It was Gov. Leveret's. This Mrs. Perkins was a Philips & is descended from Gov. J. L. and the Cooke's. She had a $\frac{3}{4}$ length of her Father Philips, a Merchant of Boston. She shewed to us

*Chebacco, now the town of Essex.

†Heartbreak.

also the work of a Dressing Glass. It was done by a d. of Gov. Leveret. It was very highly raised. It exhibited K[ing] W[illiam] & Q[ueen] M[ary] dressed in pearls & had a rich profusion of other figures. A punch bowl of Delft had within Hogarth's Midnight modern conversation. A Scalloped plate of the same ware was a curiosity in our times. Several earthen birds were shewn which ornamented the top of an antient Chest of Chamber drawers. After this feast we saw a silver cup found in the Cellar of the House in which their former pastor John Rogers lived. It is said a french family lived there after the revocation of the edict of Nantes & from the figure I should suspect it may have belonged to them. My friend lodged with Miss Smith & [I] found a home at the Washington Hotel near the First Meeting at Treadwell's.

21. I had several hours with Mr. [Daniel] Noyes the Register of Probate. He is descended from Nicholas, the brother of James Noyes, first minister of Newbury. He informed me of several old men named Lord, who had a kind report of Hubbard. Furnished me the documents of Mr. Hubbard's resignation & the election of Mr. Jabez Fitch & unequivocal proof that Mr. Hubbard was possessed at his death of a very valuable interest in Lands. He said he had in his own fee 12 acres which he purchased of the heirs, belonging to Mr. Hubbard's estate. He shew me the original documents from which it appears that Mr. W. Hubbard in 1661, a year after his settlement, gave an acre of Ground to accomodate the Grammar School which Robert Paine & others had endowed, & assisted to establish the celebrated Master Chever in it. Mr. Noyes also informed of 20 acres at Haffield Bridge, & of property enough exclusive of his farms in the hamlet, now Hamilton, to have made him a rich man. The anecdote of Hubbard's second wife being his housekeeper is reported of Cobbet & not of Hubbard. Mr. Frisbee's account in all its circumstances incorrect. I am promised a copy of Mr. Cobbet's will by the Register. At Wenham, Hon. D. Kilham gave me notice that Robert Ward was ord. at Wenham, 1721. In 1700, persons were empowered to extinguish the claims of Samuel English & Joseph English, & John Umpee, Indians, as heirs of Maschanomit, sagamore of Agawam. The sum raised including all costs did not exceed six pounds currency. The Dr. thinks that Mr. Hull who owned the orchard near the burying ground was the same who coined the New England Shilling. The Dr. was willing to turn Whittingham into Bellingham. Mr. Noyes tells that John Denison, who graduated in 1684, was ordained at Ipswich & died soon after & that Mr. Lord, one of the oldest persons now living in Ipswich, told him that he had a printed sermon giving an account of that ordination & that upon his death John Rogers succeeded him, so that Eliot's date of 1679 must be an error. Mr. N[oyes] prom-

ises to find the printed account & to send it to me. At Ipswich we went into the first Church, which was built in 1749, to see the Corinthian Gilt Capital under the Canopy & the excellent work of the pulpit. It is upon the prevailing form with a balustrade & ascent on the right & with an elders' & deacons' seat in the front. It is said that in building the other house a workman was sent from Boston for the pulpit & a Mr. Knowlton entered into competition & let his pride assist this execution which was unexampled at that day. The materials are pine, painted darker than mahogany, & of a uniform colour. The scrolls are to make the work appear ponderous, & the canopy excuses every fault in its full consent with the plan of the work. The visit to the Miller's little island & his fall of water was not the least pleasing. We found not the blackberry bush but we found many things deserving of notice in the position of the Island, of the mills & the natural history of the curious spot. We left the ribbands with the Miller for his daughter. At Ipswich I found one of the principal benefactors of the Grammar School, a Payne or Paine. As my own family was from Essex, & William was not a common name, the finding of it in Essex confirms the belief of the origin of the family. Robert is the principal benefactor & William Payne of the Committee. Mr. Noyes informs me that the heirs of James & Nicholas Noyes still hold the original possessions of their ancestors in Newbury. The present road from Ipswich to Topsfield goes the greater part of a mile southerly from Linebrook, or fire town parish, in which Mr. [George] Leslie formerly & now Mr. [Gilbert T.] Williams is minister. The brook on the division gave the first name, the woods, the best part of it, gave the vulgar name by which it is yet known.

22. This day I finish my 51 year having been born in 1759.

23. The Weather becoming fine again after long rains, foggy & thick weather. Several attempts have been made lately to sell at auction the property of the Bankrupts which have disgraced Salem, but such is the depreciation of real estates from the present State of Commerce, that nothing like the first costs can be obtained for any lands or tenements purchased within ten years. The farm on the Neck was bidden in a thousand dollars below the purchase of a few years since. And the brick buildings at the eastern corner of Newbury street on Essex street, did not have a single bidder upon the mortgage of 13 th[ous]and dollars, when the costs are really double that sum, so that of their payments the Creditors must come short. Notes are to be taken in pay in part from the Creditors at sale in July.

24. Sunday. At Ipswich I obtained some valuable documents respecting the history of that place & particularly of Mr. Hubbard. I found that Worcester of Salem & Abbott of Beverly were disposed to let the good people partake of their spiritual gifts. A Pottle, an

itinerant Baptist, gave his occasional labours in the Manufactory at the foot of the hill near Choate bridge. In Wenham, Mr. Anderson can do little to inflame, but in Beverly Lectures abound. [David] Tuller of Rowley, who occupies the place of the late Mr. [Ebenezer] Bradford, has had a Council which has advised to his dismissal. A disaffection has prevailed but it is said a part of the town have offered to employ him for a year, probably to make his departure more convenient to him. I have not heard the specific charges against him & the man is personally unknown. Lynn & Newbury have had their turns, the first with the Methodists & the last with the New lights. Andover still remains vacant & the new Institution has divided them to conquer them. The greatest heat is now in Beverly. It is cooling in Salem. In Marblehead, the Methodists are the powerful rivals of the Baptists. In Cape Ann, the Baptists have been violent but some very untoward events impeded their progress. The New Minister at Manchester had done wonders in his way. A Stir everywhere. Griffith,* the Evangelical professor of Eloquence [at Andover], was at the Tabernacle in Salem in the last week displaying his zeal. Children in hell of unregenerate parents curse their birth from this ungodly stock says this alarmist. The gates of Hell will not prevail. It was a just Complaint of Gen. Stark that in the general enthusiasm the State prison discharged all its stock among the Evangelists. The Sects might be sufficient to check this inundation if they built upon talents. But their leaders have one common character. The same absurdities flow from a Baptist & a Universalist & one of the greatest of the latter said in my hearing from the pulpit [that] he was a Calvinist in every thing but the event. How frail the materials.

25. Having received an invitation from Calvin Briggs & then from Secretary Hudson & then from the Master of the Philanthropic Lodge of Marblehead, but not approving the plan to introduce a sect into that town, I declined all public service & did not join the procession till after service. The performances were by Edw. Turner of the Univ[ersalist] Temple in Salem. I never before heard the man. In prayer are not his gifts, & his compositions discover the want of public & classical education. The crowd which attended was chiefly of children. After a procession through the Town we dined at Humphrey's hall & an elegant dinner was provided by Mr. Rea. We had a great variety & everything was in its kind excellent. We had the band from Salem & the Music was excellent. The vocal music was also good. The toasts were of first class, the Songs of Lieut. Larabee, chaste & appropriate. Master Heath who led the Choir deserved

*Rev. Edward Dorr Griffin.

praise. I spent the evening with Mr. Wilson in company with Mr. Bowers. I was witness to no irregularities. I saw & conversed with Mr. Nathan Martin, my old friend Ashley Bowen, & Esqr. Mansfield. The valleys between the rocks are very fertile & I had an opportunity to visit several spots which with little cultivation amply rewarded the care to plant the seed of the family garden.

26. Was our Quarterly visitation of the Schools. We found in the East Writing & Reading School 66 boys. In the Center 76 & in the Western 76. In the Northfields 78. In the east Woman's School about 50, only one female. In the Centre female School about 50 & we visited no other this day. The Grammar School had its usual number of above ten & not twenty. We saw no new attainments. In the East, four Copies of H. Adam's New England were introduced, & in the North fields, Dwight's Geography & Perry's Dictionary but these things were done at the discretion of the Master without advice.

27. In answer to Col. Harthorne upon the subject of an affair depending respecting the road by Trask's mills between the Town & the heirs & assigns, after stating the Conditions & reasons of them I say "It should be remembered that the Town renounced a great privilege for which they had no consideration, for the sake of the Road, as the parting of the Roads in that quarter will prove, & did deny in the next year a similar privilege to Col. Higginson who asked to run a causeway from his land to Winter island, but could propose no public benefit. The privilege to Trask is more valuable any day." I wrote to Dr. Eliot about Mr. Hubbard, inclosing the document of Hubbard's resignation of the pastoral office, a reference to the other documents respecting Fitch, Denison, & the story of the second marriage. I also informed him of Mr. Hubbard's property. This day finished the visitation of the Grammar Schools. We found that in South Salem not to our content. The African School on Mill hill, in good order. Mrs. Perkins in the West has a good beginning. All these Schools average 50 at the time of the visitation.

30. The Conversation everywhere is about the Celebration on 4 July. From every part of the Union we hear of the arrangements & we may promise ourselves much from a vortex which evidently draws into it men of every party. No party can see any hopes for us but in our union. Our internal resources multiply under all our foreign embarrassments.

July 1 [1810]. Sunday. Note. Margaret Scheldon, d. of her Daughter. The Panoplist exhibits all the late proceedings of the Clergy towards their Consociation. The first steps were admitted into the Salem Association with great caution by 12 against 4 members. The Remonstrants were Bernard & Prince of Salem, Thacher of Lynn, & Lincoln of Cape Ann, Gloucester.

The Worcester party were with Worcester, Cutler, Anderson, Abbot, Dana, Frothingham, Green, Wadsworth, Dow, Fuller, Thurston, Walker. In consequence this Association met with their new Brethren at Bradford. The instruments employed to accomplish the Schemes of the Clergy are powerful. Their zeal is in full consent with vulgar prejudices & no knowledge checks the use of it freely. The missionary and Bible schemes are all employed for their power without any visible benefit to society either among Indians or the grades of Indians called poor whites. From pamphlets spread either gratis or at a cheap rate at which alarm is given upon every liberal publication. In their Consociations which are intended as an accumulation of power. By the influence with which they exclude every liberal candidate from the ministry either by votes or divisions in Parishes. By their Institutions by which they attempt to destroy the reputation of theological studies in all places in which they have not direction. And by that uncharitableness which suits vulgar minds which love no opinions for general good but from the exclusive blessings they bring with them. Such are the advantages they possess.

3. Great preparations made in Salem. A large something* erected on the W[ashington] Square for the Military dinner. The U[niversalist] Meeting House decorated with flowers, the Travelling Cannon mounted on the peak of the Neck, & all busy. We shall make but a small figure with our prouder Republican Neighbours of Boston & Charlestown.

4. The celebration of Independance. I heard the Oration of J. E. Sprague Esqr. He reviewed the revolution, the political characters & history with a freedom that the circumstances of our country required. He observed with just indignation the influence used in higher circles to make the name of a Democrat odious. He touched not with a safe hand, & yet at no time was indecorous. It was seasonable & just. I was not a spectator of the Military parades nor a hearer of the mil[itary] oration.† I see too plainly the hand of the enemy in this thing. If Democracy be short lived, let it not be stifled by secret enemies but honourably condemned. As assassination is detestable in Saint or Savage. We had uniform troops from Danvers, Beverly & Marblehead & from Ipswich. Our Cadets upon some military questions withdrew from the line. I received a pleasing circle of female friends from the neighbouring towns, who dined & spent the day agreeably with us. It was intended from our heights to see the display of fire works in Boston but the happiness at home expelled all thoughts of such pleasure when the hour came.

*A tent was erected on the Common.

†The military oration was given in the South Meeting house by John King. In the published announcement in Salem Register appears the following paragraph, "The Committee have engaged that no one shall stand on the seats, or sit on the banisters or clap seats in the Meeting House."

5. We hear of celebrations in high Style. The Federalists in Boston made every display to give a favourable comparison in the eyes of the multitude to their arrangements. The Executive were with the people.

6. Engaged with Mrs. Rogers & her young friends to spend the day at Nahant. Mr. W. Manning & Mr. Burnham from Ipswich with us. Miss Heard & Miss Andrews from Ipswich, the Misses Stone, H. Hodges of B., E. Fuller, H. Crowninshield, Manning, with W. Rogers, stud[ent] of Camb[ridge]. We had our pleasures in fishing & visiting the curiosities of Nahant with great consent & without any known interruption. Misses Heard & Andrew had received us kindly at Ipswich.

7. This day proved the melancholy day of the exit of my young friend Samuel Harris. He was drowned when bathing this morning in the Charles near the Colleges. He was to graduate this Commencement & had a Hebrew oration assigned him. He came from the North end of Boston, was an ingenious mechanic, but from his extraordinary attainments was assisted in a public education. He has furnished me with my best painting & engravings, with some rare copies of some ingenuous oriental curiosities & with many curious letters. I expected in him the Greatest Orientalist our Country has ever produced. He was a modest, inquisitive, indefatigable man. He had nothing to apprehend but from the commencement of his studies with such means as involved many prejudices from which he had not made himself free, tho' in happy progress. From no man had I greater expectations as my attentions during his life time abundantly prove. In a moment our thoughts perish.

8. I have had a letter from Dr. Eliot acknowledging the receipt of my papers respecting Revd. W. Hubbard of Ipswich. The evidence is irresistible & he has asked the use of it for a future edition which he does not expect, he says, in his life time. It is to be hoped that the evidence will not be laid asleep & the present false account left for posterity. But I greatly fear it. After a reasonable time I shall think the documents my own again & dare to print them. A more shameful communication was never made than that of Mr. Frisbee of Ipswich to the [Mass.] Historical Society, Vol. X, from which Dr. Eliot has implicitly drawn his miserable account. His character of Williams is not better. He has confessed that Williams as well as Hubbard were great men, but he has so mangled their history that no man could think so from his description of them, from the want of clear ideas on the subject.

10. The body of my friend Harris was not found in the Charles till this morning. The instant burial became necessary. His College Chum was a [Joseph S.] Farley of Ipswich, of good reputation I am told, who was absent at Ipswich on account of his

health overplied. The public mind is not insensible to the real worth of this man & scholar.

11. Went with H[annah] C[rowninshield] to Marblehead to meet the family of Capt. Wilson, Collector of M. He joined to his two Sons & Daughters & wife, Revd. Bowers & Wife, Attorney French & wife, Miss Barker, his train of Custom House attendants & we passed to M. Neck. The ladies in a carriage & the Men by Water. Capt. Barker, our intended Senator, & Capt. Girdler joined us with their Pharels & gave us a sail in the afternoon. We found good sport on the rocks on the other side of the Neck & soon supplied our pots & pans. We feasted & cooked upon the rocks & after some pleasing walks returned & took tea at Capt. Wilson's & spent the evening & after nine returned to Salem. The pulpit of the Old South [Meeting House], Boston, makes [marks?] the top of the monument upon Marblehead rock. Capt. Rannie has the M[arblehead] Fort in excellent order & under the north wall has furnished himself with a good garden. From the appearance of the walls on the neck it is not in so high cultivation as formerly & probably has not so many inhabitants. Capt. John Prince has built a farm house on the west part towards Tinker's island. The Salt works are going on but with little success. The 10 thousand dollars spent here do not produce as many pence. The Scheme of passing the water over an extended surface has long been abandoned. Capt. Barker just below Skinner's head has a pier which with bars at the western end incloses a bason sufficient for several vessels which lay perfectly secure with common fasts. This is the second year since it was raised. It is well built. Perhaps the general style of the town for neatness was never higher than at the present. Idle times make room for fanatics of which this town has its share, but without violence. It has more Schools than at any time both upon the public & private establishments.

13. Fishing on the Neck from the rocks we found the Tom Cods so called in Boston, in Salem Frost fish. This evening the sub Committee upon the Central & South Female Schools met with me & we agreed to give the Center School to H. Palfrey & the South School to Mrs. Britain. Several applications were made.

15. Sunday. More preaching on the Common by the free Willers, Jones, Plummer & Co. The collection I saw from a neighbouring house. It was of women & children chiefly, coming & going. It is part of the profit from night lectures in Salem.

18. The news of the sudden death of President Webber of Cambridge has reached us. He died of an Apoplexy. He was a pupil while I was a Tutor in the University, & of great application. He was a good Greek Scholar in attention to the Language, & he afterwards repeatedly preached in my pulpit. His fort was in mathematics, in which he could follow the Mathematicians of

the Age, but he had few accomplishments for public life. In the contest between him & Pearson, both Professors, the austerity of Pearson did not so well suit the men in power as did the Mathematical Professor, who was more at home in that department than in that of President. He made himself safe by his prudence, but did not bless the University much by his literary talents & reputation. We might not be led to appreciate our reputation when we consider that a man who could read Mathematics was indeed a prodigy. And we cannot wonder that we see merit where the wide world discern no wonders. Mr. Harris had more genius than could be found in the government of the University. I am told that Mr. Harris had prepared a Hebrew Grammar for the press as the first part of his researches.

19. Major Stark dined with me this day.

22. Sunday. Notes. May Andrew with her children, d. of one of her G. daughters. Mrs. Jayne, pr. for a g. son at sea. This Jayne was a Brother of Jayne the Methodist preacher in Lynn & has been in person a holder forth particularly in Marblehead. As we have no Methodists society he worships with the Baptists. His unoffending little wife in a Consumption, at the last hour resigned herself calmly to the disposal of her new friends. Thus sympathy is made to trifle with salvation.

23. We have more news from the Margaret. Three of her Crew escaped from the wreck & have reached Salem. Five came on the boat but two perished. Ten were left on the wreck & the rest had died from fatigue & perhaps from the indiscret use of ardent spirits which fell into their hands. Every one can tell how things ought to be managed & all differently. It is taken upon the lips of talkers. The relatives of the deceased may be forgiven most readily from this distress. The only person belonging to my Society, G[eorge] Prince, has perished.

25. The heaviest blame was cast upon Capt. W. Fairfield of the Margaret, from some rumours abroad, utterly without foundation. It is in vain to contradict such rumours. We must wait till men & friends are cool. We must not put our hands upon hot iron. Capt. [Henry] Larcom is quite recovered, [E. A.] Erving is abroad, [John] Very still confined, but better. They could not have suffered one day longer.

29. Sunday. Notes. Henry Prince & wife and family, d. of his Son George on the wreck of the Margaret, united prayers with the sufferers & their friends in this most melancholy event. Sarah Millet, d. of her G. son G. Prince, pr. for Son absent. William Fairfield & Wife, he being the Captain of the Margaret, prayers on the loss of his indented Apprentice who died on the Wreck & for Caleb Fowler, a Nephew, living upon the Wreck when last boat left her, pr. for a brother at sea. The interesting history of this affair formed the subject of the discourses on this interest-



THE SHIP MARGARET, BUILT IN 1800.
From a water color by Corné, made in 1802.

ing occasion & a history was given of our losses since 1783, which were found to be one in 7 of those who died abroad, & 23 in the whole number who perished at sea. All the attention to the subject could not secure the least favour unless there was an unqualified consent to the most savage fury against the Captain of the Vessel. "To mention the Great men with such an Assassin" was the only language of this resentment. How much has civilization done but in taking away our power over each other. How often does it give to the few, to take from the many.

August 2 [1810]. In consequence of the votes of the School Committee Mr. [Edward] Lang of the East School, hastily resigned the keys & in his letter which did accompany them he blames me from his false representations. I aided him but only so long as aid was possible. I urged him to take the office, not because he had a trade but because he was poor & in debt. I did not dismiss him in old age without emotion. He had a rich son, a d. married into a rich family & only one d. dependant upon him, & he confessed when we remarked to him that he was kindly treated, for it was only told him that it was the wish of the Committee that he should resign, that their wish was secret & he might take his own time & way. Such is the effect of Patronage. He has shewn his letter or rather they who were consulted or wrote it, have exposed it to rouse the public feelings, etc. The committee met this evening to determine on the subject.

3. Dr. Daniel Berry entered the East School as the temporary master till the Committee shall otherwise determine. I was with him several times in the course of the day. He opened as usual both the male & female School at their proper terms. I am much afraid of his success as he has taken a school which has been twenty years without any proper Instructor or discipline & by no means honourable to any concerned with it.

5. Sunday. Notes. May Brown, d. of her husband in the Margaret at sea. David Ashby, d. of his Son in Law Brown.

7. An insult upon the School Committee in the Gazette. Supposed from Dr. L. Oliver* or by his consent. This descendant from a great man is a proof of the common fate of families, Mr. Lang was dismissed from incompetence for the duties of his office as a School master, & it is imputed to political motives.† A great share of the blame is thrown upon me. We are well able to support ourselves in the present case.

8. Mr. [Joseph E.] Sprague in his own name has given a statement of the proceedings of the School Committee, part of which has appeared in the Register of this day. It is ample, but as the

*Benjamin Lynde Oliver, M. D.

†The correspondence published in the Gazette insinuated that Lang was a Federalist and was supplanted by a Democrat who went to Mr. Bentley's meeting.

insult was intended to overawe, this may not be the end. This day I went to Baker's Island with two H. C[rowninshield] & H. H[odges] in the Custom House Boat. We had a very agreeable day & were at home before 9 in the evening. Nothing tended to interrupt the pleasure. The men employed upon Hardy's rock were busy upon finishing the hole in the rock to receive a mast. It was 42 inches deep upon 13 diameter in a very hard rock. They had their forge on Baker's Island. They were very successful in taking small fish at the rock by a basket net. We found but few things on the island. The rabbits multiply & we had one of them for our dinner with other things.

9. My turn to lecture in the Charity House. Took the substance of 1485* & accommodated it to the occasion. The older people were attentive but the children in arms not so quiet. All the forms of public worship are observed excepting singing but hymns were read in the exercise just as if singing had been intended. The eight regular Congregations give them eight sermons in a year.

10. The Gazette has made some remarks upon Mr. Sprague intended to untie their string in time, but in vain such folly. Mr. Sprague has spoken with kind effect upon the public mind. The whole proceedings are designed for the public good & proceed if not from pure sentiment at least from the irritation of seeing things wrong when there can be no possible interest to keep them in that state.

11. The Gazette remarks are printed in the Register, & Mr. Sprague's vindication closed.

14. The stone pier on Ramhorn rock was finished last week. It is in the same form with others erected on sunken rocks in the Offing. One is preparing upon the point of Beverly Bar. We have had a long course of showery weather. The lightning of last Sunday morning struck a vessel at Marblehead. The Thunder was incessant but not hard at Salem. The subject of Lamps through the year has been mentioned in Boston & has been repeated at Salem. It seems that some persons are not favourable to the lighting of them in Summer. It has been touched in the papers.

15. Find that the Ram Horn pier is a little westerly of the former, & the foundation of the one on the bar is put easterly of the former & just clear of it so that the head of the bar & steep bank is now westerly of it & it will no longer stand on a precipice to be tumbled into the Channel or to be undermined by the current. These are insured for a time.

16. We have another alarm respecting our Attorney General [Bar-nabas] Bidwell that from some fraud he has practiced he has ab-

*Probably an earlier sermon so numbered.

scolded. The effect upon the public is serious. It is an appeal to the passions. I blamed the Printer for publishing Anonymous papers in the Register from the Gazette especially when attempting to alienate the public favour from his friends in the affair of Mr. Lang, Schoolmaster.

18. Mr. [Louis] Barney of the first boat from the Margaret's wreck has published an answer to Capt. Larcom of the second boat & it was reprinted in our paper of this day. It is to be lamented that even political feelings should interfere in a work of humanity, & that a tale of woe should be malignant.

19. Sunday. This day above 200 prisoners arrived into our port [in the ship Francis] from Naples. Their Vessels had been taken from them & they have been sent home by order of the French emperor. Such the fruits of the lifting of the Embargo. Fanaticism not so violent. It is said in open day that the flaming P. at Ipswich has debauched a young woman named Evelyth at Chebaco. There has been also unkind constructions in our first church upon [an] illeg[itimate] born in the family of the Pastor, imputed to the folly of a young Son. When superabundant zeal is discovered, the vicious & the prejudiced are not afraid of using most ungenerously such opportunities to defame. We learn from the Capital that Dr. Kirkland of Boston has been elected President of the University in Cambridge. He has been the most prominent of all the candidates & was supposed to be in nomination at the last appointment. We are observing the prejudices that the President should be an old man. The greatest difficulty is in putting a young man over old men, but that is not a difficulty in the present election. An important point is gained in not having a man of a fanatical turn of mind in the present infatuated state of our country. Gardner Spring of Newbury Port has been lately ordained at New York.

20. Capt. Larcom has answered Barney. The only point is whether the first boat did not run away rather than take a kind & honourable leave of their companions. The dispute leaves us to account for their conduct as we judge of men in distress.

21. Last night died in Beverly, F. L. A. Bessell Esqr. æt. 55. He had lived 22 years upon the western coast of Sumatra & chiefly at Padang & had formed a friendship for Capt. Joseph White of this Town & by him was persuaded to come to America. He has been several years a resident of Salem & for the first part of the time in my neighborhood. He had every honour his situation in Sumatra allowed & passed with us as the Governour. He has lately purchased a farm at Londonderry & another very lately in Upper Beverly three miles from Salem, at which he died. He has visited different parts of our Country. He has been noticed for his hospitality but nothing has been done since his arrival in America to bring him out of his first circle of ac-

quaintance & while all were willing to give him the common tokens of respect, few speak of him as known to them. This day in the absence of Mr. Berry I kept the Eastern School. I confess that I did not expect to find it in so reduced state. I did not find one tolerable reader or writer in the School & the manners are the most forbidding I ever experienced.

22. Mr. Berry did not return but I did not renew my experiment at School keeping. Two doses would have been too powerful for me. Last evening the School Committee relieved me from my trust as Clerk of the School Committee & I delivered the Books to J. E. Sprague who accepted of an appointment to this Office last evening. He thought [it] hard that it should be thought one man had all the sense as he held all the offices.

23. Dr. Berry returned to his School this day. Several applications for this School. Three already have been made. The Ship Margaret is still a subject of contention. Larcom's statement followed Fairfield. Barney has replied to Larcom, & Fairfield has replied to Larcom's rejoinder. Undue influence is used in this matter with the purpose of injuring Fairfield, the Capt. of the Margaret.

24. Master Lang has appeared in the Gazette. I signed a declaration of the truth of Mr. Sprague's statement, but blamed the printer for publishing in the Register anything respecting this affair. The members of the Committee are pertinacious respecting publishing.

25. Went to Mr. Collin's, Southfields. Thence we passed to Phillips beach & tho' foggy & rainy we travelled the beach & took coffee with Mr. Phillips & then reached Mrs. Collins & home. Mr. Watson went with us as far as Mr. Collins & tarried there. The young ladies were H[annah] C[rowninshield] & H. H[odges] & Betsey Watson & Eunice Brown, d. of W. B.

26^r Sunday. Notes. Timothy Welman & family, d. of his eldest d. Sara. Sarah Millet & Children, d. of her husband. Jonathan Archer & family, d. of his B. in law W. Millet. We have a report from the Sunday School of Philadelphia. From March, 1791 to Jan. 1800 were received 3768 dollars, & 2,127 were taught in it. 1224 males & 903 females. At the close of 1809 were 646 annual subscribers but from deaths & other causes only 370 to be depended upon for their contribution. From 1800 to 1804 expended 2013 dollars. Since that time the Institution has been diminishing in its resources & the number of Schools and Scholars has lessened. Some wish expressed to revive the School. Nothing of the kind has been yet attempted in New England.* We do not need it & our habits of spending Sunday are against it. They who wish instruction stay at home & they

*Miss Joanna Prince and Miss Hannah Hill began a Sunday School in Beverly in 1810.

who go abroad are generally shameless as the public manners take hold on every class of society & most surely upon the highest.

27. Was the Annual Exhibition of the Schools. Mr. [Daniel] Parker took the direction of his Grammar School & Mr. Berry of Mr. Lang's. Lang & his son with their usual manners were present on the occasion. Gray gave us the best readers & Hacker the best writers. Dodge did much but there was more of the Master, than of the Scholars. The first report of the numbers before we entered was of 343. Others were added so that I did not know the full amount but it probably exceeded the former number. Mr. Turner addressed the Schools & Mr. Bolles made the usual prayer.

29. Commencement day. Went with H[annah] C[rowninshield] to Cambridge & having put her under the care of Mrs. Hilliard in Judge Wentworth's family, I went to Boston. Found my father well at 85. My Brothers in Law Fowle & Dawes sick. Visited Cop's Hill & saw the new arrangement of the Burying Ground & a few graves in Clarke's pasture adjoining, now purchased by the Town. Saw the new Academy for Revd. Eaton built N. of the Christ Church & House south of it on a lot sold to aid repairs of the Church. Found the workmen filling in from Charlestown Bridge to White's wharf below Cop's Hill. Elder Cop's House was at the landing just above where the North Mills now stand & where my G[rand] F[ather] Paine had a Store nearly opposite to the going down to the Mill. He was a Shoemaker. The Baptist Meeting House is finished on the outside & boarded on the roof. Was at Col. Procter's.

30. Was at the Thursday Lecture & heard Codman of Dorchester. He is from the Scotch School & preached upon Moses' burning Bush. In the afternoon I took my charge from Cambridge & by the attention of Dr. Bartlet, the Physician of the State Prison, I visited every apartment. The universal cleanliness & the uniform industry took away every painful suggestion respecting the design of this Establishment. The Dr. gave me a statement respecting the State Prison from which all its rules could be known. It now contains 246 persons & since the buildings have been opened only 4 have died belonging to it. One Brown is the present Chaplain. After this Visit returned to Salem.

September 2 [1810]. Sunday. At the Commencement last week at Cambridge, the Corporation conferred three degrees of Doctor in Divinity. One on Charles Stearns of Lincoln. He was a Brother Tutor with me. Opened an academy & published a book of nonsense which ruined his finances. His politics have repaired his literary reputation, but he is a man of no extraordinary claims. Mr. [Aaron] Bancroft of Worcester has pub-

lished a *Life of Washington*, which does not rank before any of the many lives we have but it has obtained him a degree as he is at the head quarters of Austin, one of the first for the Andover College, & ag. Lincoln, one of the first against the Antipatriotism of the Clergy. Mr. [Reuben] Puffer delivered a Dupleian Lecture in which he said many things which had been said about enquirys & is firm against the Democrats. Some dictionary will tell who these men were, perhaps not why selected for the highest honours. Bancroft is far before the other men, but he is nothing before Thacher of Dedham, Freeman of Boston, &c. who think freely & act correctly both in Church & state. An association of Sacred Music is to meet at Concord N. H. They confess their prospect is darkened by the late death of Pr. J. Hubbard of Dartmouth College. The Mass. Middlesex Ass. for Music meets with the Handel Society of Dartmouth. They have a public discourse. These institutions are much needed in our Country in which Congregational Music has no excellence.

5. A Portland Schooner put into our port, all hands sick & only [the] Captain able to do duty. The 6 hands landed at our hospital. Two of them died last night.

6. The Giving a degree LL.D. to Col. Pickering [by Harvard College] while he was reprobated by the majority of our Citizens & opposed by our administration, is a bold declaration of contempt for our administration and is as public an affront as the conduct of Jackson. It is noticed as such in many of our papers & forewarns us to the bitterness of a civil contest should any foreign nation please to involve us in one. While Judge [Theophilus] Parsons is at the head of the University it will make no secret of its opinions.

7. The Census of Salem is now before the world & the increase has been rapid indeed.* So that their own blood which has flowed in our veins has not been unfavourable to increase, activity, powerful attraction. The Negroes have not increased, the worst part of our population, as Men without trades, tyes, & tribute must be. I impute the decrease to the number of sober citizens, & not without property, who finish the life of a seamen in the little offices of labourers & who have character, property, & ability enough to deserve attention.

10. From the three Vessels which have arrived from the southward, from Cuba, Georgia, & N[orth] C[arolina] into this port, 8 persons have died. Of one, four were sick & 3 died. From the second, 4 were landed at the hospital & 3 died. From the third, two died but only one at the Hospital & one in the Vessel in the offing, & another at the Vineyard. It is to be remarked that all these were not sick when they left their respective ports nor was it uncommonly sickly at these ports & all of them were taken sick

*In 1800, 9,149 whites, 308 blacks; in 1810, 12,333 whites, 276 blacks.

on the passage. Three landed & went home. The last that died & that had the highest symptoms of yellow fever was pronounced upon the recovery & sunk away at once & died. In all these cases the disease continued a longer time than is commonly assigned for such inflammatory fevers.

11. Lt. G. Gray sent me a note that Gov. [Wm. C. C.] Claiborne of N[ew] Orleans was to dine at the Sun. I visited him as directed & found Gov. Claiborne all I wished. A Mr. Ludeling was with him, a member of the Louis[iana] Assembly. After dinner I went with Gov. C. to Marblehead where we were received at Capt Wilson's & by Capt. Ranie who fired a salute, & the Artillery paid us the honours as they passed. In the evening Gov. C. was entertained at Capt. Joshua Ward's in a brilliant circle & next morning he did me the honour of a visit & took breakfast with Mr. B. Crowninshield. At ten he passed Eastwardly with Col. Boyd, his friends, &c. The Gov. had every thing about him that could form a friendship for him. No particular enquiries were made in the mixed companies in which he was placed.

12. I waited upon Gov. C. till he left Salem in his carriage for Portsmouth. He appeared pleased with attentions which were paid to him & gave a very favourable account of the prospects of the country which he governs. He was from Virginia. Received the first attentions from Mr. Jefferson at Philadelphia, while he was Secretary of State, & has been four years in Congress.

14. Visited the Stone Piers on Salem Neck. That on Ram Horn rock has a solid rock in front & is better built & of more regular shape. That at the head of the bar at Butt point, is less regular & upon a foundation of gravel & not of regular strata. On the top of each is a round rock perforated to receive a spar for a beacon. Both pyramids decrease too suddenly & are therefore too much weakened at top.

16. Sunday. Notes. Margaret Bishop & children, d. of her B. in Law Henderson at Salem Hospital. Notice has been taken of the Ins[tallation] of Mr. [Edward] Mitchel last week in Boston, Coll[eagues] with John Murray.* It is said some of the Boston Ministers attended & this is probably more minutely noticed [in the Salem Gazette] as none of the Salem Ministers attended Mr. Turner's installation at Salem. To make the Comparison just it should be asked whom of the Boston Ministers assisted to introduce Mr. Murray, & whether a Salem minister was not asked & why he refused. It is very different to give patronage to a Sect without & with Character, or assist to form a sect in a place & to treat it with civility when established. My objection is that the preachers of the Sect are chiefly strangers, all without education or accomplishments & owing existence to

*"Salvation" John Murray, the Universalist.

distracted times & not from a comprehensive view of any system. They are neither Rellyites, nor Winchesterians, nor Chauncerians, nor Priestleyans or Hartleians, but Calvinists run mad with religion without law. We owe something to talents, to enquiry, to education & to manners, and it is civility enough, to let men do as they please without opposition.

17. On 13 instant died William Cushing [of Scituate], formerly Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court Mass. æt. 77. After the Revolution he was the only one of the Judges who held his seat on the Bench, all the others by their attachment to the British nation having left in the Revolution. He was constituted Chief Justice & continued under the Constitution till 1790, when he was invited to be one of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Union & he held his office till his death. My first knowledge of Judge C. was upon the bench at Cambridge, when my opinion of him was that he was pleasant, not grave. The most popular in his manners, tho' not in his zeal. That he was clear in his judgment, but not eloquent. Short & well understood. He was small in person, but easy in his manners. Read in Law, but in his decisions had less of the language of the Law than any man. He was in high reputation as a Judge when he left the bench of Massachusetts, yet but little has been said of him since. The state of his affairs did not allow an honourable retirement, & as no pensions would be granted by the Government, his friends, contrary to his inclination, kept him on the bench after his memory was remarkably impaired, & his best friends found it necessary to plead for him from his former good services. He is a man who had deserved well of his Country & who has been an example of purity & peaceful ambition.

21. On the south bank of the Merrimac in Newbury, & [in] Bradford about 20 miles north of us, on the night of Friday, 14 September, they had a Tornado in which the wood was prostrated & one house removed & dashed in pieces & one child killed. The weather with us cloudy & foggy & we had rain at night. Therm. 76. Bar. 29.5 very low.

23. Sunday. Last week an ordination at North Andover. This was from its circumstances an interesting event. The Academy or Theological School was opposed to the Institution at Cambridge. The Professor of Divinity of Cambridge, had full authority in the solemnities & the Council & Candidate were of the same intent. Also, lately a Council convened in the same place to ordain one Gay to whom a great opposition was made, not so much upon opinions, as from the unsettled state of the public mind, & yet, tho' the Council did not proceed, the people instead of falling to the rising sect of Baptists, or to the Theologians of the South Andover, formed more strongly together without any serious dissention tho' the candidates from their neighbourhood

were in crowds around them. It is also to be recollected the Society is nearly divided in their political parties, & yet the sense of their common interest has united them in this transaction. Nothing has been said of Mr. Bayley Loring the Candidate, but that he was young & moderate. The ordination with its ceremonies never occasioned the preceeding reflections from any man in my presence so peaceably & powerfully tho' secretly till the full convictions of the people reconcile them to the motives on which they acted.

26. This day was assigned for the Installation of Jourdan Lodge in Danvers* in this Vicinity. The Village in which this Lodge is to be opened is chiefly inhabited by persons who depend on Salem Market, & may not be a thriving soil of a pure institution. The Grand Master Josiah Bartlet was present. He is a self taught Physician of Charlestown, & of good habits & a benevolent mind. He has a great fondness for Masonic Ceremony. The services were performed but I have heard nothing about them.

27. This day the Female Charitable Society held their annual meeting in the Baptist Meeting House. The bells of the Town gave notice for the first time & 189 Dollars were collected. Mr. Bolles, after attempting to reconcile plain Orthodoxy with their Charity, told how good Missionary & Bible Societies & Dispensaries were & even their Charity. The best part was in the Comparison of a Child in that Charity & our Common Almshouse as to moral & social hopes.

28. This week died James Grey, æt. 66. For thirty years he was a daily drunkard, but of a very easy temper. Being asked whether, &c. if he should be eternally miserable, with coldness he replied, he could risk it. After his paralytic affection he utterly refused any spirituous liquor, more from animal aversion than any religious scruple or moral consideration, and at length died with that easy good nature with which he had lived.

30. Sunday. It has been usual to print the Sermons delivered before the female Asylum. The Sectaries, who by virtue of the rotation have their opportunity to preach, associate the subject with their Theology & so have a new vehicle of their opinions by the aid of those who would never willingly contribute to them. At the Tabernacle, the exclusive goodness of the sect was the theme. At the Baptist, their Missionary Scheme which has wonderfully enlarged their connections. The thing is seen after it has been notified & yet few have penetrated into it who ought to have been attentive to it. The Baptist Warren association was at Warren, R. I. Sept. 11, so near to their commencement time as to keep a good eye upon the College. The Clergy are losing their influence at Cambridge by the new arrangement. It deserves a thought how much the common interest of mankind

*In that part afterwards known as South Danvers, now Peabody.

will be served by weakening the Congregational Churches by strengthening the Baptists, by deposing the more enlightened sect & not putting any check to superstition. A zealot ran to the Baptist minister to complain that before the Female Asylum he dared to preach with written notes. We know not the answer. We are told from Ipswich that the people have forgiven the temptation which the young female laid before the pastor & similar fears in this town have quite subsided.*

October 3 [1810]. A Mr. P[arker] Laurence, Carpenter, fell from a Staging last night & was killed by striking his head against a stone. Very romantic accounts are given of the Bradford Tornado. The three accounts agree that Hardy's small house was demolished & one Child killed. Much is said of its velocity & execution, but we are strangers to such events.

4. This day William Howe who lived with Mr. Nicholas Lane,† was found dead. He had done the service of the family & had gone down as usual to open the Loft. He was found in the position which discovered that he had seated himself upon a bench to change his cloaths. He had been gone for a few minutes & must have died instantly. His head fell back upon the sails behind him but he did not fall from his seat. I saw him in a few minutes after the alarm as I passed. There was no sign of any convulsion & the Countenance was at ease. It probably was one of the spasms which had come on with short notice with violence but for a short time. The Ph[ysician] found no injury to the heart, but an adhesion of the lungs. It was as an instant & over. Good indeed as he knew.

5. News that Miss Sarah Smith of Ipswich, who tarried with us for some time, is indeed dead, probably of the fever which has prevailed in that place. A Sister of Dr. John Clarke of Boston, has died in Salem, æt. 47, unmarried.

7. Sunday. Notes. Nicholas Lane, Wife & family, d. of W. Howe in their family. Asa Brooks & wife, d. of his Brother Timothy Brooks. Luke Brooks & wife, d. of his Brother Timothy Brooks. William Rhue & wife, d. of their own Child. Jane Tytler, wife of celebrated James Tytler, d. of her G. Child Rhue.

10. The day of Regimental parade. All the independant Companies but the Cadet, united with the Horse under Major Fairfield & the Artillery under Col. Hovey. They had a military exhibition on the Neck & no person was injured. The order of the Review of our Brigade under Gen. Goodale of Danvers, is on Monday, 3d Reg. at Beverly, 4th Reg. at Lynn, Tuesday, & 1 Reg. with Regiment of Artillery & Battalion of Cavalry at Salem on Wednesday. On Thursday, the 5 Reg. with Salem In-

*See ante, Aug. 19, 1810.

†Came from near Dartmouth, Eng., by way of Newfoundland.

dependent Cadets at Danvers, on Friday, 2d regiment at Gloucester. On Tuesday next, the Artillery & Light Infantry at Marblehead.

17. This day a Man passing in a small boat from Beverly was forced by the wind to the Haste where he remained all day unobserved. Towards evening he was noticed & the Custom house boat took him off. He had wet himself in landing but he was found wrapt up in seaweed, & he was asleep when the boat reached him. The Haste is a mile below the town and to be unobserved all day was singular when near the Ship Channel to Salem & Beverly.

21. Sunday. Note. Ebed Stoddard, wife & family, d. of his Mother. The Bible Society of Salem & its neighbourhood has Hon. Thorndike of Beverly as its President, a man better known in his commercial pursuits than in his services to the Church, or Literature, or Charity, but a wealthy man of the political party to which the members belong.

26. The election of this District has brought into view my old College Classmate Dr. [Daniel] Kilham. The Dr. at College had that formality which yet embarrasses him, but a firmness & consistency invariable. He was a member from Newbury Port in our State Government, & then became unpopular from his notions of Commerce. He was an Apothecary in that place from which he removed to Wenham to his patrimony. He has since shown no affection to the Hopkinsian doctrine & has absented from public worship. In the last years by the residence of T. Pickering, the Senator of U. S., so well known to parties, he has had to oppose the influence of that singular man. All the interest of the Pickering family is out against him. This is to say that virulence has discharged every poisoned arrow from her quiver.

27. Our late Col. [Samuel] Archer has at length agreed to move. His dwelling house on the east side of the W[ashington] Square is sold & he removed to the South. This man was saved from the Charity House at 7 years by an Uncle whom he wronged & whose business he attempted to take from him. From a barber he commenced merchant, traded without stock & lived like a nobleman & broke for 170 thousand dollars. Gave the property he had in his hands to Trustees, has worried his creditors generally into consent & the dividend is yet to be made of small amount. He built brick houses & bought vessels & embarked warmly with the Opposition party & had his day. He built the first four story house in Salem on the eastern side of Newbury street going to the W. square from Essex street. He still has the effrontery to live in all appearance of wealth & feeds the suspicions that he had made a great speculation upon the credit he has obtained.

28. Sunday. Note. Susan Bailey, sick, Husband & Son at sea. In our year past we have had five examples of suicide, Sheppard, Batchelor, Manning, Derby & Fisher, a greater number than ever has been known in the whole history of the settlement for 180 years as far as I can learn. And in this year we have had greater religious convulsions & more fury of sects than the settlement has witnessed since its establishment, and out of 300 new communicants not one has been bettered in his morals so far as I have known [or] observed. There have been more bankruptcies, flagrant vices, & enormities than ever before & in all these great professors have been the greatest offenders. We are informed that 30 offenders are now before one of the religious associations. Many have deserted from other associations upon direct testimony. Our Sundays are less quiet, & licentious opinions are prevalent beyond example, without any concealment. This unpleasing picture is from the fanaticism & hypocrisy of these religious convulsions which leave us weak & wicked.

29. Capt. S. Ranney who commands the troops which are stationed in Essex County, Mass. at Salem, Marblehead, Gloucester & Newbury Port, paraded these troops of the 4th Reg. of infantry on Salem Common. The very clean & handsome uniforms, the exact evolution & correct firings gave all the spectators a high idea both of the discipline & generous care of the commander. Lieut. Larabee has also his share of the praise. If all our Continentals are of the same Character our Army must be excellent.

30. Col. Boyd with great reputation displayed the troops from the Forts at Boston in that place last week. Our Merchants are very discontent with the measures they have dictated against the embargo. The losses have been heavy by French sequestrations. A Merchant ventured to tell me that the first objections arose from the permissions granted to a few during the Embargo, when it is a known fact this was seldom named as an objection during the Embargo. The Mercantile character has suffered much both at home & abroad.

November 3 [1810]. The N. E. snow storm which began in the morning of yesterday, continued all day & night. The snow continued to fall through this day but not in great quantities. The snow now lays at a great depth. The Caucus last evening was poorly attended. The measures of the French have quite perplexed our poor republicans who have not the heart to attach themselves warmly to any interest but that of gain. We have full opportunities to see their instability & temptations.

4. Sunday. Notes. Henry Perkins, ret. fr. Sea, d. of his Brother Jesse. Isaac Perkins & wife, d. of Jesse in his family, he being uncle.

5. Powder plot day did not honour to the Republicans of Sa-

lem. They were in the minority in the votes for a member of Congress & might have given according to former numbers double the number which would have given them their Candidate. Besides, the candidate* against them had neither talents nor fame to put against them. But the disappointed ambition of a few influential men produced all this mischief & proved that it is for themselves & not their cause they act. The Rep[ublicans] were above a thousand less than in April last & the majority was only 229. In Salem in Nov., 562, but in April, 904.

6. The Supreme Court in Salem. Nothing to get public attention. The air is more mild & the banks of Snow begin to disappear. Mr. Noyes, Reg[ister] of Probate, has promised me Mr. Cobbet's Will, which is upon their records. The works of this excellent man are chiefly lost or have disappeared. I have recovered his treatise of the Fifth Commandment. Dr. Eliot states his works, though now scarce, were in high estimation. But he strangely adds his works have not come down to us, nor do we know whether they were printed in Old or New England. A list of his Books [is] in the Magnalia.

9. This evening was felt a small shock of an Earthquake about $\frac{1}{4}$ past nine. The alarm was general, so that no question was made of the fact, but nothing extraordinary was the effect. I supposed Carriages to be entering the Street, but the sound was so short as to induce no enquiries or apprehension in my own mind.

10. We learn that at Portsmouth, N. H. the Earthquake was more felt than in Salem & so at Exeter. Less at Newbury Port than more northerly & still less at Salem. Its course was supposed to be N.E. by some. But it was so short that no observations were made. The atmosphere had been long cloudy without the corresponding descent of the Barometer.

11. Sunday. Note. John Hunt & wife, d. of his Wife's sister's Husband of Salem, Zaccheus Churchill, Shipwright, in the western part of the Town. We learn from Newburyport that D[aniel] Dana of that place has lately published a sermon on the Trinity, after the example of Dr. Spring who gave us one very lately, & Mr. Worcester of Salem who has favoured us before he came to Salem, with Sermons on the same subject. Neither of the men are sufficiently acquainted with the subject to deserve particular attention, but these publications spread in this neighbourhood discover an unfavourable change as Essex for nearly a century past has been free from the bitterness of this dispute. In Essex we have had our full share of parish difficulties, but the most prominent controversies were those of Williams in Salem, upon Discipline, & those of Noyes & Parker at Newbury. In the past century the Contest with Barnard & Tucker in Newbury,

*William Reed of Marblehead.

about Arminianism, with Father Balch at Bradford, on the same subject. In Salem we have had no controversy of fame since the witchcraft. Noyes had no particular controversy nor had Curwen or Fiske. The dispute with Fiske about some local concerns occasioned a separation which ended in fixing religious prejudices in Salem. But none of the party distinguished themselves. Whitaker's was rather a question of discipline in favour of presbyterianism. The powers employed have produced much domestic uneasiness, but no famous stroke of the pen. The Free Will Baptists who assemble in English street, have made another effort for a house of worship. They have proposed to purchase a house in South Salem at the confluence of the roads to the Mills Bridge & the Bridge at Market Street. But the entire want of wealthy members seems to check them at every step. The republican nomination of Dr. Kilham of Wenham, has been much impeded by the prejudice that he did not attend public worship. The Orthodoxy & ignorance at Wenham did not prevent Mr. Pickering from attention to this aid of popularity. The more Logical powers of Kilham would not submit to Hopkinsianism, ill understood & most wretchedly defended by Anderson.*

16. A young Mr. Forbes with me. He has talents & it is expected with cultivation might become highly useful. It is rare to put a youth† in Salem, a Mechanic which inclines to Letters, unless he come from a Grammar School & be taught to pursue. We have a Bowditch, self taught, but these are rare cases. Forbes has an inquisitive mind, which has been directed to History.

18. Sunday. Note. Hanna Kenney, d. of her Father in Law Kenney, Middleton, Son at sea.

19. Quarterly examination of the Schools. No essential difference. Gray's at the Centre, the best readers & Hacker's in the west, the best writers. In Northfields they read better than at Hacker's & write better than at Gray's. In the East School we found the desired change in order & numbers. The Master told us he had above 140 on his list & he shewed us above 100 on the benches. He has made great effort for the improvements & we saw the proof of it in his arrangement. We hope success.

20. I was notified of the d. of David Richards,‡ æt. 58, the Br[other] of G[eorge] R[ichards] of Philadelphia, of [the] Universalists. David has long been an object of my care from his ready wit & good talents, but his endless excentricities prevented his friends from keeping him above want. But we have all done our duty to him.

*Rev. Rufus Anderson, the minister at Wenham.

†l. e. put a youth under instruction.

‡Of Salem. The simple announcement of death published in the Salem Gazette includes the following:—"I knew him well, Horatio, he was a fellow of infinite jest."

21. The d[eath] of Capt. G[eorge] G[irdler] Smith is announced. He was one of the generous & improvident men which are to be found in our world. I knew him early upon my coming to Salem from his connections with Capt. J[ohn] Gibaut. I always found him liberal, social, inventive, & useful. But he was too fond of pleasure. I know of no direct guilt either of intemperance or dissolute manners. But he took the best care of himself. He went to Gloucester from Danvers with Gibaut. Returned to Danvers & erected a proud building. Was embarrassed & moved to Lynn to a Hotel & thence to Salem to die in the arms of the public charities, æt. 53.

25. Sunday. Notes. Mary Rantoul & Children, d. of her Mother May Preston. Susanna Preston, d. of her Mother. She Maiden. Rebecca Preston, d. of her M. in Law, Husb. & Br. at Sea.

26. We had our School Committee meeting to supply the intended vacancy in the Grammar School. Many Candidates did appear. But three had more than one vote. After several balloting the votes were 5 for Bolles, 3 for Stephens, 2 for Avery. It seems that we were to be taken by surprise. It at length was agreed to defer the choice till next Tuesday week & then try again. This Bolles is at Hartford, C[onn.] & is brother in Law to the Minister of the Baptists. Stevens is of Andover, & Avery, son of an ex-minister at Providence.

29. Thanksgiving. Our Contribution fell short of what it had been for 16 years tho' very near the same in many of those years. It might be accounted for from the scarcity of money but most probably from the failures which for the first time have afflicted our Society. Only one it is true happened in the Society, but many have diminished the property of their Creditors among whom we have a great number. The day was fine. The Free Baptist spoke at the worship of the Close Baptist without leave as he had done in a Congregation in Beverly & as he did among the Quakers or Friends in this town. Such are our times.

30. The Chain Bridge in Newbury over the Merrimac, has been passed this month in safety. Several fine Ships have been launched in that river this season. Several also from Medford. Several of our Salem Ship Carpenters were employed at Medford this season. These Ships were from 300 to 400 tons & did honour to our country from the workmanship.

December 1 [1810]. I had my principal singing girls with me to dine as a testimony to their good performances on Thanksgiving day. We passed Ainsworth's Tunes, the first introduced into America, & then to the Tunes in the Bishop's & Geneva Bible, & then to those authorised with Tate & Brady's versions, then to Tansur, & there lingered to the Revolution. Since Bill-

ings, the collections have been numerous of which Mr. Holyoke furnished me a list, but his own Collection is the most deserving of notice. We then turned to Bach Church Music. Then turned to Bach's Symphonies & Himmel's airs. I have six girls of taste for music. R. & M. Becket, M. Rice, E. Welcome, & H. Hodges.

2. Sunday. Notes. Moses Little, Physician, d. of his Mother at Newbury, æt. 85. May Brown, d. of her youngest child. She an Ashbey. The father lost in the Ship Margaret, perished on the wreck. Our last contribution gave us 107 dollars as reckoned by the Committee.

4. Our second trial for a Grammar School Master. The Numbers changed 5 for Avery, 2 for Stevens, 2 for Bolles. It was murmured that the number was 9 & not ten as before, so the vote was given up. The altercations were not pleasant & I had to be a part of the Storm. We are to meet again on Thursday next. It is less pleasant as too much art has been employed for the simplicity which belongs to religion by men who profess to have extraordinary portions of it. Mr. [Daniel] Berry was chosen for the East School unanimously.

6. Misses Wilson, H. Hodges, M. Williams dined with us & Miss Wait was at tea. Our School Committee for the last time met upon the election of a Gr[ammar] Master. Of the three there was nothing deserving of much contention, but the friends of the opposed candidates would not yield so a Mr. Stephens* had a majority as 6 to 5. One of the Candidates educated at Yale, another at Providence, & another at Dartmouth, without any claims of Literature. Such the baneful effects of party zeal upon Literature.

7. The Cases of Usury make the topic of our common Conversation. The licentious manner of adventure has obliged our Money letters to raise their interests till the practice has been unlimited. The bold adventures of many ignorant men in trade has involved them in ruin & their savage temper preys upon the first in their way. Were they honest men claiming the benefit of law, it would be a case of conscience, but they are the worst men in the world, complaining & aggravating the evils they have introduced. We never had a worse picture of human nature in Salem. But like the sucking fish & shark they perish together, Hold on & die.

8. Several cases of complaints for abuses in our Courts have had very heavy fines. One case depends for correcting a boy for daubing fences, a vile trick which has very much obtained of late to deface the paintings which are ornamental to the town. The monument on the Neck† has been shamefully treated & mor-

*Moses Stevens who afterward taught the Latin School from which he resigned in 1818.

†"Bentley's Seat," erected by the Crowninshield's.

tar put on the stairs of a Meeting H. gallery. These things indicate the state of education & of manners in some families & has too much of the mean tricks of former times.

9. Sunday. Notes. Sara Welman & ch., d. of her husband Timothy Welman, æt. 54, & prayer for her Sons absent & at sea. Mary Welman aged, d. of her Son Timothy Welman, Son & G. sons at sea. Abigail Smith for her child sick, pr. for husband at Sea. She from New York city at her marriage. We have sad accounts from Dorchester. The absurd zeal of Mr. Codman assisted by Griffith, Worcester, &c. who knowing him to be a man of wealth but not of strong mind, have precipitated his zeal so as to involve him in the most disgraceful contentions with his charge. They have advertised in a ludicrous manner a very large number of the pews in his house of worship so that the indelicacy has been noticed by the sober part of the community. Griffith, who is the incendiary, we are told has had such altercations in his College at Andover, that the hot bed will not contain him any longer & it is said he has relinquished his recent appointment & has given himself to his new charge at the Park Meeting House in Boston. And this structure is even under the hammer as but a small part of it has been paid for & it was erected upon speculation & almost for sale to the highest bidder. But these follies do not expose the evil to our country, and superstition is advancing with the humblest sects with rapid steps, so that unless some change happen we shall be overwhelmed. It is absurd to complain, when we have to act, but the dark ages so frequently return that day is but a warning that Night approaches, especially in winter. The friends of the public liberty say that the Sects will keep us from the religious establishments. But they do not consider that when the majority are the ignorant, the abuse of power is certain, & that their ignorance will generate the most oppressive evils, & will exterminate all science, Law & pure conscience.

12. Snow this afternoon. S[uperior] Court still in town. Mr. Carlton tells me that Dr. Symmes published a Sermon in which he gave some account of the Settlement of Andover. He remembers to have heard nothing of the families of Peters & Frye, which the depositions of 1692 prove to have been in that town at that time with Mr. Barnard & which Bp. Peters says were there from the beginning.

15. The rise of the article of Wood in our market to 8D. at the wharves & 9D. from the Country is felt by the Inhabitants severely as we begin to feel the severity of winter. Business however is more active than at this season last year & the comparison is favourable to content. The provisions are abundant & good.

16. Sunday. Note. May Collins, æt. 77 weak, pr. for Son Day at Sea. At the late Thanksgiving season, an invitation for-

merly given to one of our Singing Females was renewed & it gave rise to several other invitations in which all parts of our family took their parts. In the past year the Treasurer's accounts were removed from the Old Treasurer to a new Treasurer, who was qualified from his long use in collecting taxes, but it was forgotten that every thing has two handles. A Female whose family [was] offended that she was not included in the invitations, tho' she had never been in our house, has with full success withdrawn herself & all not invited from our seats. After great expence & great difficulty this was a serious evil. But a Sailor said to me, "Sir, I hear you had a frolick in your Ship & threw over-board all your wooden guns." It is true we have lost no good singers, but have perhaps occasioned an insuperable difficulty in obtaining new singers when the present association ceases. A School Mistress of talents has offered to instruct this little company in grammar & the accomplishments of her plan of education without expence. The Old Church & North Church have Organs as they will not submit to the caprice of the most thoughtless children of the Town. Died at Newbury Port, Revd. N. Noyes, æt. 76.

18. We have had several deaths of aged persons. The Widow Erving, æt. 92, lived in the southern part of the town upon the hill westward of the Mill & South of High street. Her son has been long in a state of derangement. Mr. B[enjamin] Daland, æt. 82, lived in Summer street upon the rise of the hill, & has been known for his horses which he had employed in the various labours & services of the town. He has left posterity. Our family servant Jack was first owned by him, & after his freedom married the negro woman of the family in which I live, & he was the best African I have seen in Essex.

21. The licentious conversation in this quarter upon the Embargo has untied some unruly tongues. A little more freedom is used than ought to be indulged, by those who talk much, know little, & do less. At the present meeting of Congress some predict there will be no spirit & that the English party will overawe the Government.

22. We have had for a week past the best sledding ever known. The Snow just covered the ground & left no spot bare so that wheels or runners move with ease. The mild weather threatens this pleasure. But the moderate weather has blessed the poor when wood of the meanest quality was at 8D. at the wharves.

23. Sunday. Note. Mary Frye sick. She was a Collins, married Ledbetter & Frye, now lived separated from her last husband for his excentricities.

25. Christmas has a public service in the morning from English [ish] Episcopalians & in the evening from the Universalists.

Our Cong[regational] Church stands fast as they were from the beginning.

26. The wonderful boy in town from Vermont who has such uncommon powers at numbers. Dined with family of Capt. B. Hodges at family dinner with the Widow.

27. St. John's was celebrated in the Lodge Room which is now removed from the buildings in Market street to the Buildings called Wakefield place,* corner of Essex & Newbury street. For many years the lodge met in Ward's Brick store, then in Masurey's now Putnam's House, corner of Church & Court street opposite the Ship, & then in Church street in Abbot's buildings, besides several occasional removes. The last places have been handsomely decorated.

30. Sunday. Note. Samuel Briggs & wife, d. of wife of Br. Jeremiah Briggs, æt. 27. She was Mary D. of John Collins of Liverpool, N. S., Brs. at Sea.

31. Last Saturday died Mary, W[ife] of Capt. B[enjamin] Ward. Her first husband was Capt. W. Carlton, Br. of the Widow C. with whom I have lived. During her widowhood she lived with us & about 10 years since she married Capt. B. Ward & has maintained the greatest intimacy with us through this time till her death. She had an easy temper qualified with much active goodness so that she was greatly beloved & always welcome. Her Father Paul Farmer was keeper of the Boston Almshouse for a long life & Choirister for the Thursday Lectures from my early days, till within a few years, & he was much esteemed. Upon the score of friendship no person can be missed more than Aunt Ward.

*On the site of the present Franklin Building. So named by the owner Josiah Dow who came from Wakefield, N. H.

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